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## AP sources: Rosenstein spoke of possible secret Trump taping

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO** and **ERIC TUCKER**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein floated the idea of secretly recording President Donald Trump last year amid law enforcement concerns about chaos in the White House, according to people familiar with exchanges at the time. But one person who was present said Rosenstein was just being sarcastic.

The comments were first reported by The New York Times, which also said that Rosenstein raised the idea of using the 25th Amendment to remove Trump as unfit for office. The report, which Rosenstein denied, creates even greater uncertainty for him in his position at a time when Trump has lambasted Justice Department leadership and publicly humiliated both him and Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

The reported conversation took place during a tense May 2017 meeting involving acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe, another frequent target of Trump's wrath. McCabe was temporarily elevated after Director James Comey was fired, but was himself fired this year. McCabe documented conversations with senior officials, including Trump, in a series of memos that have since been provided to special counsel Robert Mueller as part of his



In this July 13, 2018, file photo, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein speaks during a news conference at the Department of Justice in Washington.

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Russia investigation.

The interactions lay bare the conflicts within the FBI and Justice Department early in the Trump administration after Rosenstein, just weeks into his job, wrote a memo about Comey that the White House used as justification for firing the FBI director.

In a statement, Rosenstein called the Times story "inaccurate and factually incorrect."

"I will not further comment on a story based on anonymous sources who are obviously biased against the department and are advancing their own personal agenda. But let me be clear about this: Based

on my personal dealings with the president, there is no basis to invoke the 25th Amendment."

The 25th Amendment to the Constitution spells out that a president can be declared "unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office" upon a majority vote of the vice president and the Cabinet. One of the people briefed on the conversation in question said it occurred during a moment of frustration between McCabe and Rosenstein. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because of the confidential nature of the conversation.

Rosenstein was rankled by

the revelation that Comey had kept memos about his interactions with the president, while McCabe wanted a more aggressive approach toward the White House, the person said.

At that point, Rosenstein said to McCabe something to the effect of, "What do you want, you want me to wear a wire?" according to the person. Rosenstein was then asked in the meeting if he was serious, and he said yes, but he thought the question he was responding to referred to something else and he did not mean for the wire comment to be taken seriously, the person said.

McCabe's lawyer, Michael

Bromwich, said in a statement that his client had drafted memos to "memorialize significant discussions he had with high level officials and preserved them so he would have an accurate, contemporaneous record of those discussions." The statement did not address the content of the memos.

Rosenstein has been a target of Trump's ire since appointing Mueller as a Justice Department special counsel to investigate potential coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign during the 2016 presidential election. He chose Mueller for the job one week after he laid the groundwork for the firing of Comey by writing a memo that criticized Comey's handling of the FBI's investigation into Hillary Clinton's email server. The White House initially held up that memo as justification for Comey's firing, though Trump himself has said he was thinking about "this Russia thing" when he made the move.

As deputy attorney general, Rosenstein oversees Mueller's work and has made two public announcements of indictments brought by the special counsel — one against Russians accused of hacking into Democratic email accounts, the other against Russians accused of running a social media troll farm to sway public opinion. □



# When will it end? Florence's floodwaters rising in Carolinas

By MEG KINNARD and JEFFREY COLLINS  
Associated Press

**GALIVANTS FERRY, S.C. (AP)** — With muddy river water still washing over entire communities on Friday, eight days after Hurricane Florence slammed into land with nearly 3 feet of rain, new evacuation orders forced residents to flee to higher ground amid a sprawling disaster that's beginning to feel like it will never end.

At least 42 people have died, included an elderly man whose body was found in a submerged pickup truck in South Carolina, and hundreds were forced from their homes as rivers kept swelling higher.

Leaders in the Carolinas warned residents not to get complacent, warning additional horrors lie ahead before things get much better.

"Although the winds are gone and the rain is not falling, the water is still there and the worst is still to come," said South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster.

Speaking in Las Vegas, President Donald Trump said South Carolina is in for a "tough one" as flood waters keep rising.

"They got hit, but the big hit comes days later and it will be the biggest they've ever had," said Trump, who visited North and South Carolina this week.

While most peoples' lights are back on in the Carolinas and Virginia and trucks are picking up mountains of storm debris, water draining toward the sea from inland areas is sending rivers over their banks across a wide region.

Rescuers wearing night-vision goggles used helicopters, boats and big-wheeled military vehicles overnight to evacuate about 100 people from a southeastern North Carolina county where high water breached a levee, flooding a town.

In South Carolina, emergency managers ordered about 3,000 people to flee homes along the Lynches River. The National Weather Service said the river could

reach record flood levels late Saturday or early Sunday. In tiny Galivants Ferry, Audra Mauer said she lost her home two years ago when Hurricane Matthew hit and she's losing it again to Florence. No area improvements were made after Matthew, she said, and a frustrated Mauer has no faith any will happen now.

"They didn't clean the ditches," she said. "Same levee. Same dams. What have we been doing for two years?" About 25 miles (40 kilometers) nearer to the South Carolina coast, Kevin Tovornik tore out carpet and removed furniture as a preventative measure because he expected flooding at the house he has owned for 20 years in Conway, where the Waccamaw River was still rising. Bridges are starting to close because of flooding, he said, and friends were struck in traffic for hours trying to cross the town of 23,000.

"This is ridiculous. This is the worst I've ever seen," Tovornik said.

Road travel also was a daunting problem in Wilmington, a city of 120,000 people still mostly cut off from the rest of North Carolina. A photograph posted by the state transportation agency showed flowing water and buckled highway asphalt on one of the few passable routes into the city, where officials have distributed food and water to residents.

With the Great Pee Dee River receding, state officials said Interstate 95 in South Carolina would reopen after a safety check, but travelers couldn't get very far since the highway was still closed in North Carolina because of the flooded Lumber River.

Along the Cape Fear River, David and Benetta White and their four children were given short notice to evacuate overnight as floodwaters swept over their property. By the time they got loaded into their van, water was waist-high and they had to slog through a foul-smelling soup to get to a neighbor's pickup.



The Hornets NBA basketball team packed food boxes as part of hurricane relief efforts.

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"We almost lost our lives, I'm here to tell you we did," said White, whose family previously evacuated last Thursday as Florence, then a hurricane, approached from the Atlantic.

The South Carolina governor estimated damage from the flood in his state at \$1.2 billion. In a letter, he said, the flooding will be the worst disaster in the state's modern history. McMaster asked congressional leaders to hurry federal aid. North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper said the damage in his state is in the billions of dollars, but there was no way to make a more accurate estimate while flooding continues.

As environmental worries mount, Duke Energy said a dam containing a large lake at Wilmington power plant had been breached by floodwaters, and it was possible that coal ash from an adjacent dump was flowing into the Cape Fear River.

Paige Sheehan, a Duke Energy spokeswoman, said the company didn't believe the breach at the L.V. Sutton Power Station posed a significant threat for increased flooding to nearby

communities because the river is already running high. Something else could be a problem, though. The National Hurricane Center said it was monitoring

four areas in the Atlantic for signs of a new tropical weather threat. One was off the coast of the Carolinas with a chance of drifting toward land. □

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# Early voting begins as midterms season enters final phase

By STEVE PEOPLES and STEVE KARNOWSKI

Associated Press

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Much of the political world is consumed with a battle over a Supreme Court nominee, an expanding international trade war and President Donald Trump's social media posts. Yet in Minnesota, the first votes of the 2018 midterm elections are being cast.

Voting machines are set up inside city buildings. A series of get-out-the-vote rallies is scheduled. And each party is spending millions of dollars to push its supporters to the polls.

While Election Day 2018 is technically Nov. 6, Minnesota law allows in-person voting to begin Friday — a full 46 days early — making it the first battleground state to begin casting actual votes in the broader fight for control of Congress.

Voters in every corner of the nation will soon follow. South Dakota also opens early voting on Friday, and four more states follow in the next six days, including New Jersey and Missouri. Califor-



Voting booths stand ready in downtown Minneapolis on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018, for Friday's opening of early voting in Minnesota. Minnesota and South Dakota are tied for the earliest start in the country for early voting in the 2018 midterm elections.

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nia, Montana and Arizona are among seven others that allow early voting in the subsequent two weeks. It may feel early, but make no mistake: The final phase of the 2018 midterm season has begun.

"It's like Election Day every day," said Jake Schneider, spokesman for Minnesota Republican Senate candidate Karin Housley. "It really changes the dynamic of an election. It really does. And it's exciting."

The commencement of voting in key states underscores the heightened significance of virtually every major development — political or otherwise — on the state and national stage in the coming days. Economic indicators, the president's tweets, new revelations in the special counsel investigation and even the weather begin to matter much more as voters decide whether to go to the polls.

It's been an inauspicious beginning to the voting season for Trump and his Republican Party, which continue to struggle under the weight of near-constant self-imposed crises and chaos.

The president escalated a trade war with China in recent days, triggering new waves of concern among farmers and major employers across Minnesota and beyond. And the GOP's continued embrace of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, despite an allegation of decades-old sexual misconduct, threatens to further alienate suburban women, a key constituency this fall that has already largely turned away from Trump.

Political parties and their

allies are ramping up voter outreach programs in several states to mark the beginning of the early voting phase.

The Democratic allies, Priorities USA Action and the Senate Majority PAC, for example, are launching a multimillion-dollar digital ad campaign next week as part of a voter mobilization program across five states that targets African-Americans, young Hispanics and other young people.

One of the new ads, shared with The Associated Press, highlights the rise of white supremacists in the Trump era. In another, a young black man says, "I'm willing to do whatever it takes to vote this year."

As is the case in many midterm battlegrounds, outside groups for several weeks have been dumping money into Minnesota, which features at least four competitive House elections, two U.S. Senate contests and a governor's race. Each of the political parties deployed paid staff and volunteers on the ground several months ago to identify supporters and persuade them to vote.

Democrats are focused on turning out "communities of color" in Minnesota, particularly in the areas around Minneapolis that feature large Somali and Southeast Asian populations, according to Ramsey Reid, the Midwestern regional director for the Democratic National Committee.

Democrats are working to ensure that minorities, who are considered more sporadic voters in some cases, comprise more than 8 percent of the Minnesota electorate, Reid said, noting that they made up less than 6 percent in the last midterm elections.

Republicans are focused on trying to bank their own set of "low-propensity" voters in the initial days of early voting, a group identified through several months of on-the-ground work with its expanding network of field staff and volunteers, according to Matt Dailer, the political strategy director for the Republican National

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# APNewsBreak: Army misses 2018 recruiting goal

By LOLITA C. BALDOR

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — For the first time since 2005, the U.S. Army missed its recruiting goal this year, falling short by about 6,500 soldiers, despite pouring an extra \$200 million into bonuses and approving some additional waivers for bad conduct or health issues.

Army leaders said they signed up about 70,000 new active duty recruits in the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30 — well below the 76,500 they needed. The Army National Guard and Army Reserves also fell far short of their goals, by more than 12,000 and 5,000 respectively. The Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, meanwhile, all met their recruiting goals for 2018.

The Army's shortfall, said Maj. Gen. Joe Calloway, was fueled by the strong American economy and increased competition from private sector employers who can pay more. But the failure has triggered an overhaul in Army recruiting, including an increase in recruiters, expanded marketing and a new effort to reach out to young, potential recruits through popular online gaming.

"We obviously thought we would do better than that," said Calloway, director of military personnel management for the Army, when asked about the recruiting gap in an Associated Press interview. He said there were several thousand permanent legal residents seeking to enlist, but they did not get through the screening process in time. And, he said that in the last three years Army recruiters have brought in 3,000-5,000 more enlistees than planned during the last three months of the fiscal year.



In this June 4, 2017, file photo, nNew Army recruits take part in a swearing in ceremony before a baseball game between the San Diego Padres and the Colorado Rockies in San Diego.

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"There was hope that they would be able to do the same thing this year," he said. "That did not pan out." The recruiting struggles come at the end of a tumultuous year for the Army, which faced questions from Congress over its expanded use of waivers for recruits with previous marijuana use, bad conduct and some health problems. The debate prompted the Army to cut back on some waivers and require higher level officers to approve ones involving drug use and some health and conduct issues.

Top Army leaders have repeatedly said they are not lowering standards to meet higher recruiting goals. But they have faced skepticism from Congress, amid concerns the service would repeat mistakes made during the peak of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars more than a decade ago when it rushed to add soldiers to the ranks to meet deploy-

ment needs. At that time, the Army brought in more recruits with misconduct waivers, triggering discipline and other problems. The Army is planning to grow to 500,000 by 2024, triggering increased recruiting goals. Initially the Army was supposed to recruit 80,000 this year, but that was cut to 76,500 in April, as more serving soldiers re-enlisted.

Military recruiters have struggled to compete in a growing U.S. economy, with low unemployment rates and private companies paying more to graduating seniors. Only about 30 percent of 17- to 24-year-olds meet the physical, mental and moral requirements for the military, and only one in eight are interested in serving. Finding those few is a challenge.

Calloway and Maj. Gen. Frank Muth, head of Army Recruiting Command, said fewer potential recruits or

their families answer the phone in these digital days. When recruiters call a parent or other adult, "nobody wants to talk to us," Muth said. "If we do get ahold of a potential recruit, they actually don't want to talk to you on the phone, what they want to do is meet you online first in some type of digital format and then, if they agree to meet with you, you can get the phone call."

So, Muth said Army recruiting is moving deeper into the online world.

That will include sending teams of recruiters into CrossFit sports competitions and popular gaming contests such as Ultimate Fighter, Madden Football or the addictive Fortnite: Battle Royale, an online survival game.

Muth said an Army recruiter from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who has a high ranking on Ultimate Fighter, served as an emcee at a recent tournament. He said

the soldier was in uniform and was able to talk about his Army job while on air.

"We reached 2.4 million people over one hour, and he was able to get the message out," said Muth.

The goal, he said, is to have recruiters in uniform playing the games in tournaments, reaching out to their target audience. The soldiers will be restricted on the games they will be able to play, and there will be oversight by senior officers.

In addition, he said the Army's Golden Knights parachute demonstration team, the Marksmanship Unit and other similar teams that travel the country will now be used mainly as recruiting tools.

"When these games or these events occur, the focus and the number one priority is recruitment and prospecting and getting leads," said Muth.

The immersion into gaming is reflective of a larger online presence that recruiters will use to find and reach recruits. Muth said they will now use Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and Twitch on their government phones to speak online with young people.

He said if a recruiter visits a high school and a student "likes" the local recruiting Facebook page, the soldier can follow up and message the student to see if they are interested in the Army.

It's too soon to tell if any of the new online maneuvers are working. Muth said the first quarter of the year will be critical. "I don't have benchmarks yet," he said. "But history will tell you if you talk to any recruiter, you've got to come out strong. And it's the momentum you build that carries you through the year." □

# U.S. agency endorses plan to block new mining near Yellowstone

By **MATTHEW BROWN**  
 Associated Press

**BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)** — U.S. officials recommended approval on Friday of a plan to block new mining claims for 20 years on the forested public lands that make up Yellowstone National Park's mountainous northern boundary. Regional Forester Leanne Marten submitted a letter to the Bureau of Land Management endorsing the plan to withdraw 30,000 acres (12,140 hectares) in Montana's Paradise Valley and the Gardiner Basin from new claims for gold, silver, platinum and other minerals, U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Marna Daley said.

A final decision is up to the office of U.S. Interior Sec. Ryan Zinke, who favors the withdrawal. Zinke said in a statement that it could be finalized in coming weeks. The Trump administration's support is notable given the president's outspoken advocacy for the mining industry and his criticism of government regulations said to stifle economic development. The proposal



This Nov. 21, 2016, file photo shows Emigrant Peak towering over the Paradise Valley in Montana north of Yellowstone National Park. U.S. officials are recommending blocking new mining claims on 30,000 acres of public lands around the peak.

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has received bipartisan backing in Montana, with Democrats and Republicans alike eager to cast themselves as protectors of the natural beauty of the Yellowstone region.

The rocky peaks and forested stream valleys covered by the withdrawal attract skiers, hikers and other recreational users. It's an area

where grizzly bears, wolves and other wildlife roam back and forth across the Yellowstone border — and where the scars of historical mining still are visible on some hillsides.

The Forest Service recommendation follows concerns among business owners, residents and local officials that two proposed mining projects north of Yellowstone could damage waterways and hurt tourism, a mainstay of the local economy.

Those two projects would not be directly affected because the companies behind them have already made their mining claims,

the companies have said. But others have said the new move could discourage investment into those project.

About 1.7 million people drove through area last year, and withdrawing the land from new mining development would help protect the areas for wildlife and recreation, according to U.S. Forest Service officials.

The withdrawal includes only public lands, not existing mining claims or exploration on private lands. It's been in the works since 2016 under Zinke's predecessor, former Interior Sec. Sally Jewell.

"I've always said there are places where it is appropriate to mine and places where it isn't. The Paradise Valley is one of those unique places," Zinke said. Montana Republican U.S. Sen. Steve Daines said the areas covered by the withdrawal were "truly special places that deserve protection."

U.S. Sen. Jon Tester, a Montana Democrat, called on Daines to support legislation sponsored by Tester that would make the withdrawal permanent. Tester's bill was introduced last year and is currently before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, of which Daines is a member. An identical bill sponsored by Republican U.S. Rep. Greg Gianforte is pending in the House.

The mining industry opposes putting the public land off limits. Backers of the withdrawal want it made permanent.

Under the proposal, government officials have estimated that 81 acres (33 hectares) would still be disturbed by mining and 4.5 miles (7 kilometers) of new roads would be built, according to a Forest Service analysis completed in March. That compares to an estimated 130 acres (53 hectares) of land disturbed by mining and 7 miles (11 kilometers) of roads over 20 years if the withdrawal were not enacted.

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## As he considers 2020, Biden airs regrets of Thomas hearings

By **THOMAS BEAUMONT**

Weighing a 2020 campaign for president, former Vice President Joe Biden says he should have protected Anita Hill from what he called "character assassination" during the Supreme Court confirmation hearings of Justice Clarence Thomas more than a quarter century ago.

Biden chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee during the contentious 1991 hearings. As sexual misconduct again shadows a high court confirmation, Biden

said he failed to prevent the all-male committee from putting Hill on the defensive.

"Anita Hill was vilified when she came forward, by a lot of my colleagues," Biden said during an interview on NBC's Today. "I wish I could have done more to prevent those questions and the way they asked them." Biden was reflecting on his lead role in a seminal moment in the nation's debate over sexual harassment, long before the explosion of the #MeToo movement

and the return of allegations of sexual impropriety in a Supreme Court confirmation.

Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh is accused of sexually assaulting Christine Blasey Ford, now a university professor in California, when they were in high school more than 30 years ago. Kavanaugh has denied the allegation, which has rekindled questions of Biden's leadership of the Judiciary Committee as he considers another presidential run.



# Woman stabs 5 - including newborns - at New York nursery

By TOM HAYS

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A woman stabbed five people — including three newborn babies — and then slashed her wrist early Friday inside a New York City home that was apparently being used as an unlicensed neighborhood nursery for new mothers and their children, authorities said.

All of the victims in the attack, which happened before 4 a.m., were hospitalized but expected to survive.

The 52-year-old suspect — an employee at the nursery — was taken into police custody and was being treated for her wounds and undergoing a psychiatric examination, authorities said.

No immediate charges were filed, and police said the motive was under investigation.

Investigators were trying to piece together what happened inside the building,

a three-story, multifamily townhouse in a neighborhood popular with Chinese immigrants in the Flushing section of Queens. Nine babies were there during the attack, and the place had at least 11 cribs, the district attorney's office said.

Local elected officials said it appeared it was an unlicensed facility for new mothers and their babies to convalesce for a month, in keeping with Chinese tradition.

"This is every parent's worst nightmare imaginable," said state Assemblyman Ron Kim. He said it had apparently been operating for more than 10 years.

Police responding to a 911 call discovered a 3-day-old girl and a 1-month-old girl who had been stabbed in the abdomen, and a 20-day-old girl with cuts on her ear, chin and lip. The father of one of the children and a woman who worked there were also stabbed,

police said.

A butcher knife and meat cleaver were found at the scene.

The woman suspected in the attack was discovered bleeding and unconscious in the basement, and after officers applied a tourniquet, she regained consciousness and was taken to the hospital, police said.

"We pray that all of the victims will be fine and will survive these injuries," Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said. "We are hoping these young babies — small and so very fragile — are also strong enough to overcome this horrible act of senseless violence."

A Pampers box could be



The house where five people were stabbed overnight is seen, Friday, Sept. 21, 2018, in New York.

Associated Press

seen outside the building's front door. In the afternoon, a woman emerged from the house carrying a baby in her arms. She was driven away in a police vehicle. State records indicate that a business called Mei Xin Care Inc. was registered at the address, but there was no listed phone number for

that company.

Dr. Anderson Sungmin Yoon, who works at a nearby community center offering counseling, came by on Friday to offer comfort to neighbors. He said there is often a stigma in the community about seeking counseling for psychological problems. □

## California college moves 'Prospector Pete' statue from plaza

**LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)** — California State University, Long Beach, will move its half-century-old "Prospector Pete" statue away from a prominent place on campus because of the impact the 1849 gold rush had on indigenous people. A statement on the university website said the gold rush was "a time in history when the indigenous peoples of California endured subjugation, violence and threats of genocide."

According to the university, the bronze statue formally named "The Forty-Niner Man" evolved from the creation of the original college in 1949 and founding President Pete Peterson's references to having "struck the gold of education."

The statue, unveiled in 1967, shows a rugged-looking, bearded man sitting on a rock. It features

no gold mining or panning tools.

In recent years, university athletics have moved away from the college's traditional "49er" and "Prospector Pete" sports team and mascot names in favor of the nickname "Beach."

The university said the statue on a plaza will be retired to a campus area dedicated to alumni, but no further details were provided.

University President Jane Close Conoley announced the decision in an email Thursday after more than a year of controversy over whether the statute should be removed, the Long Beach Press-Telegram reported.

The campus about 20 miles (32 kilometers) south of downtown Los Angeles was once the location of an ancient village of the indigenous Tongva people. □

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# UK leader May hits back on Brexit plan; pound falls

By JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — British Prime Minister Theresa May accused the European Union on Friday of creating an "impasse" in divorce negotiations by bluntly rejecting her blueprint for Brexit, sending the value of the pound falling as worries about a chaotic U.K. exit from the EU soared.

With British newspapers declaring that May had been "humiliated" by EU leaders, the prime minister used a televised statement from 10 Downing St. to insist she was prepared to take Britain out of the bloc without a deal if it did not treat the country with more respect. Declaring that "we are at an impasse," May said the EU must lay out "what the real issues are and what their alternative is."

"Throughout this process, I have treated the EU with nothing but respect," she said. "The U.K. expects the same. A good relationship at the end of this process depends on it."

The pound fell 1.5 percent to \$1.3066 on May's comments, which seemed to make the prospect of an economically disruptive "no deal" Brexit more likely. May's strong words belied her weak position: She is a prime minister without a parliamentary majority, caught between the EU and a pro-Brexit wing of her Conservative Party that threatens to oust her if she makes a compromise too far.

May's combative remarks were calibrated to appease euroskeptic Conservatives ahead of what's likely to be a bruising annual party conference at the end of the month.

May's statement followed a fraught EU summit in Salzburg, Austria, which dashed hopes of a breakthrough in stalled divorce talks with only six months to go until Britain leaves the bloc on March 29.

European Council President Donald Tusk said at the meeting that parts of the U.K.'s plan simply "will not work." French President Emmanuel Macron called



British Prime Minister Theresa May makes a statement on Brexit negotiations with the European Union, at 10 Downing Street, in London, Friday, Sept. 21, 2018.

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pro-Brexit U.K. politicians "liars" who had misled the country about the costs of leaving the 28-nation bloc. The judgment of British newspapers was brutal. The broadly pro-EU Guardian said May had been "humiliated." The conservative Times of London said: "Humiliation for May as EU rejects Brexit plan."

The Brexit-supporting tabloid Sun branded bloc leaders "EU dirty rats," accusing "Euro mobsters" Tusk and Macron of "ambushing" May.

UK Brexit Secretary Dominic Raab said the bloc had "yanked up the handbrake" on the negotiations.

But despite all the heated British rhetoric, the EU's position was not new.

May's "Chequers plan" — named for the prime minister's country retreat where it was hammered out in July — aims to keep the U.K. in the EU single market for goods but not services, in order to ensure free trade with the bloc and an open border between the

U.K.'s Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland.

EU officials have been cool on the plan from the start, saying Britain can't "cherry-pick" elements of membership in the bloc without accepting all the costs and responsibilities.

Yet British politicians and diplomats were taken aback by Tusk's blunt dismissal of the Chequers plan on Thursday — and by his light-hearted Instagram post showing Tusk and May looking at a dessert tray and the words: "A piece of cake, perhaps? Sorry, no cherries."

In a statement Friday, Tusk said the bloc's position had "been known to the British side in every detail for many weeks."

He said EU leaders regarded Chequers as "a step in the right direction" but had been taken aback by May's "uncompromising" stance in Salzburg.

Tusk said in Salzburg that an EU summit on Oct. 18-19 would be the moment of truth, when an agree-

ment on divorce terms and the outlines of future trade would be sealed or would fail.

The biggest single obstacle to a deal is the need to maintain an open Irish border. Failing to do so could disrupt the lives of people and business on both sides, and undermine Northern Ireland's hard-won peace. Britain and the EU have agreed on the need for a legally binding backstop to guarantee there is no return to customs posts and other border checks. But Britain rejects the EU's proposed solution, which would keep Northern Ireland inside the bloc's customs union while the rest of the U.K. leaves. May said Friday the EU was "making a fundamental mistake" if it believed she would agree to "any form of customs border between Northern Ireland and the rest of the U.K."

May said she wanted to reassure people in Northern Ireland "that in the event of no deal, we will do everything in our power to

prevent a return to a hard border."

She also said more than 3 million EU citizens living in the U.K. would retain their rights even if Britain left the bloc without an agreement.

"You are our friends, our neighbors, our colleagues. We want you to stay," May said.

Dealing with the EU is only part of May's problem. Pro-Brexit Conservatives, including former Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, hate the Chequers plan, saying it would keep Britain tethered to the bloc, unable to strike new trade deals around the world.

Conservative lawmaker Jacob Rees-Mogg, an arch-Brexiteer, praised May for "standing up to the EU bullies," but urged her to ditch the Chequers plan for a much looser "Canada-style" free trade agreement.

Pro-EU politicians don't like the Chequers plan either, saying it will cut the U.K.'s vast services sector out of the EU's single market. Many are pushing for a new referendum that would let voters choose between accepting whatever deal she manages to negotiate with the bloc and staying in the EU.

Labour Party Brexit spokesman Keir Starmer said May was "in denial."

"I don't understand why she's failed to hear the message that the Chequers proposal wasn't going to be accepted by the EU and frankly it's not going to be accepted by her own party," he said.

Despite the somber mood music, Britain and the EU hinted there could be a way forward.

"I remain convinced that a compromise, good for all, is still possible," Tusk said. "I say these words as a close friend of the U.K. and a true admirer of PM May."

May said a solution required "serious engagement on resolving the two big problems in the negotiations" — trade and the Irish border.

"We stand ready," she said. □



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## Russia looms in background as pope travels to Baltics

By NICOLE WINFIELD

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**VATICAN CITY (AP)** — Pope Francis is heading to the Baltic countries this week-end amid renewed alarm about Russia's intentions in the region it twice occupied for decades.

Francis' 25th foreign visit comes a quarter of a century after St. John Paul II made the first papal visit to the former Soviet Union and cheered as Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia emerged from five decades of Soviet-imposed religious repression and state-sponsored atheism.

Hopes were high back in 1993 — the last Russian troops had withdrawn from Lithuania just days before John Paul arrived. There is no such optimism for Francis' Sept. 22-25 visit.

The three countries, which each have ethnic Russian minorities, are sounding alarms about Moscow's military maneuvers in the Baltic Sea area following Russia's 2014 annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and its support of separatists fighting the Ukrainian government in eastern Ukraine.

Russia will be something of the elephant in the sacristy, however, given how the Vatican has been loath to openly criticize Moscow or its powerful Orthodox Church. While seeking to avoid offense, Francis will likely praise the sacrifices of those who fought for independence a century ago during Russia's revolution, and suffered again during Soviet rule.



Pope Francis delivers his speech during his weekly general audience, in St. Peter's Square, at the Vatican, Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018.

Associated Press

"The pope will send a message to the world that the difficult history has not been forgotten and that it cannot repeat itself," Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė told the Baltic News Service.

The Baltic countries declared their independence in 1918 but were incorporated into the Soviet Union in 1940 and remained part of it until the early 1990s, except for the 1941-1944 Nazi occupation during World War II. All three joined the European Union and NATO in 2004 and are strong backers of the military alliance, which sees them as a bulwark against Russian incursions in Eastern Europe. Evelyn Kaldoja, head of the foreign desk at Estonia's largest newspaper Postimees, said history will

clearly be front and center during Francis' visit, his first to the region.

"He really comes to congratulate our countries on the 100th anniversaries of our independence," Kaldoja said. "And he is expected to show profound respect for the struggle we've had to restore our freedom."

The trip, featuring Francis' fondness for countries on the periphery, and ecumenical events with Lutheran and Russian Orthodox faithful will be a welcome break for the Argentine pope. His credibility has taken a blow recently following missteps on the church's priestly sex abuse scandal and recent allegations that he covered up for an American cardinal.

Of the three countries Francis will visit, only Lithuania

is majority Catholic, with about 80 percent of its population practicing the faith.

Latvia's population of some 2 million is 25 percent Lutheran, 19 percent Russian Orthodox and only about 16 percent Catholic. Estonia, meanwhile, is often considered one of the world's most non-religious countries. A whopping 76 percent of Estonians profess no religious beliefs whatsoever and Catholics number only 6,000.

The trip has already sparked controversy with Lithuania's tiny Jewish community, which was nearly wiped out during the Holocaust. Francis will be visiting the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius on the 75th anniversary of the final destruction of the Vilnius Ghetto, on Sept. 23,

1943, when its remaining residents were executed or sent off to concentration camps by the Nazis.

But until Francis' schedule was changed three weeks ago, there were no specific events for him to acknowledge the slaughter of some 90 percent of Lithuania's 250,000 Jews at the hands of Nazi occupiers and complicit Lithuanian partisans — a significant oversight for the leader of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics.

At the last minute, the Vatican added in a visit to the Ghetto, where Francis will pray quietly on the day when the names of Holocaust victims are read out at commemorations across the country. Lithuanian and Italian Jewish communities had asked Francis to also visit the official Paneriai Holocaust Memorial, in the forests 18 kilometers (11 miles) outside Vilnius, where many of the capital's Jews were executed.

"We wrote many letters and tried many ways, but seems that this is not possible," Lithuania's Jewish community leader, Faina Kukliansky, told The Associated Press.

The Vatican spokesman, Greg Burke, acknowledged the lapse.

"We realized it would have been a gap not to do it, especially on this day," he told reporters. But he said the prayer in the Ghetto would be a "significant" and "important" part of the pope's Baltic visit. Monika Garbaciauskaite Budriene, the director of Lithuania's National TV, said the visit to the museum will send a message to Moscow. □



# Maldives prepares for polls seen as test for young democracy

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**Associated Press**

**MALE, Maldives (AP)** — As election officials made final preparations for nationwide elections in the Maldives, the European Union said it is not sending observers because the country has failed to meet the basic conditions for monitoring.

In the capital, Male, pink and green campaign banners hung in the streets. Election commission spokesman Ahmed Akram said the country was fully prepared to hold a free and fair election on Sunday. But in neighboring Sri Lanka, exiled former Maldives President Mohamed Nasheed, a leader of the opposition, said Friday that the vote could be rigged.

A decade after Maldivians took to the streets to welcome democracy to the series of coral atolls in the Indian Ocean, voters head to the ballot box in what has become a referendum on whether democracy will stay.

The Maldives' third multi-party presidential election is being held five years after incumbent President Yameen Abdul Gayoom began consolidating power, rolling back press and individual freedoms, asserting control over independent governmental institutions and jailing or forcing major political rivals into exile.

"There is a need to reorient ourselves and take stock of what we have lost," said Ahmed Tholal, a former member of the Human Rights Commission of the Maldives. "There is a need to ask ourselves if we are willing to allow the hard work of democratizing the country to go waste."

Beyond the postcard image the Maldives has of luxury resorts and white sand beaches, the 400,000 citizens of the former British protectorate have struggled to maintain the democratic system established in 2008.

Yameen has jailed two former presidents including his



People walk past a giant poster that shows Maldivian President Yameen Abdul Gayoom, right, and his running mate Mohamed Shaheem Ali Saeed, ahead of Sunday's elections in Male, Maldives, Friday, Sept. 21, 2018.

half-brother, Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, the Maldives' former strongman, his former vice president, two Supreme Court justices, two former defense ministers and scores of others after trials criticized for a lack of due process.

As protests culminating in violent confrontations with police and mass arrests have grown, opposition parties — many of them Yameen's own former political partners — formed an alliance in exile with the aim of unseating him.

Transparency Maldives spokesman Aiman Rasheed said that Sunday's vote is "a referendum on authoritarianism versus freedom."

Thorsten Bargfrede, head of the political department at the EU mission in Colombo, the capital of neighboring Sri Lanka, said Friday that the group is not sending a monitoring mission because the Maldives has not met the basic conditions.

He did not elaborate.

Gulbin Sultana, a researcher on the Maldives at the Institute of Defense Studies and Analyses based in New Delhi, described the state of the country as a "democratic dictatorship" in which Yameen has been

carrying out his whims by legally amending the constitution.

But Yameen's supporters counter that the country's economy and institutions have grown under him. Yameen's campaign slogan, "Progress shared," is a nod to the country's development. Government spokesman Ibrahim Hussain Shihab said Yameen's administration has always sought to "maintain the rule of law."

Gross domestic product more than doubled between 1990 and 2015, life expectancy at birth has increased and poverty declined, although high youth unemployment and low participation of women in the workforce persist, according to the World Bank. Part of that growth is due to aid and investment from China, which is challenging India's long-held position as the dominant outside power throughout South Asia. China considers the Maldives a key cog in its "Belt and Road" project along ancient trade routes through the Indian Ocean and Central Asia.

Former President Nasheed said the elections could be the last chance to extricate his country from increasing Chinese influ-

ence, which he described as a land grab in the guise of investments in island development.

"We believe that the Chinese government has an interest in maintaining the authoritarian rule of President Yameen," he said Friday at a news conference in Colombo.

Political struggle has long beset the string of atolls.

The former British protectorate did not inherit a full parliamentary system of government like many other colonies. In 1953, the 812-year-old sultanate was abolished in favor of a republic, then restored again a year later until 1968. Gayoom came to power in 1978 through a public referendum.

Calls for the recognition of political parties were violently suppressed and activists jailed during Gayoom's 30-year authoritarian rule.

Gayoom finally introduced democratic reforms in 2008 after a public revolt and the burning down of police stations and government vehicles over the killing of a man in government custody.

However, when Gayoom was defeated at the polls by pro-democracy activist Nasheed, it seemed to

signal a new chapter in the islands' turbulent history.

Nasheed became famous for drawing global attention to the perils of climate change that saw rising sea levels threaten the Maldives' coral reefs, which rise less than a meter (3.2 feet) above sea level. "The inundation of the Maldives is just a generation away," he warned.

But at home, Nasheed struggled to get support from officials still loyal to Gayoom, and resigned in 2012 after losing military and police support over the arrest of a prominent judge. He ran for the presidency again in 2013 — the Maldives' second multi-party election — and lost to Gayoom's half-brother, current President Yameen.

Since then, Yameen has ruled with an iron fist, erasing many features of the young democracy. His government subjects journalists and social media users to punishing fines for defamation.

Its control of the courts resulted in a much-criticized trial of Nasheed, who in 2015 was sentenced to 13 years in prison. The vice president, Ahmed Adeb, was also arrested in 2015 after what the government called a failed assassination attempt on Yameen. Adeb is currently serving a 33-year prison sentence on terrorism and corruption charges.

A report by the Organized Crime and Reporting Project released earlier this week alleges that Adeb was among many officials including Yameen who illegally leased scores of the country's more than 1,000 islands for tourism development, keeping tens of millions of dollars in graft in 2014-15.

Yameen's only contender in Sunday's election is longtime lawmaker Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, backed by Nasheed who is now living in exile in neighboring Sri Lanka. Nasheed had hoped to run again, but was disqualified because of his outstanding prison sentence. □



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## Africa youth boom on display as Uganda leader faces pop star

By RODNEY MUHUMUZA

Associated Press

**KAMPALA, Uganda (AP)** — Call it a struggle for the soul of the ghetto.

Uganda's longtime president this month went on a whirlwind tour of some of the capital's poorest slums, handing out checks totaling over a quarter-million dollars.

The next day, residents turned up in the red colors of the opposition and instead gave thanks to President Yoweri Museveni's newest and biggest challenger, a crusading pop star and rookie lawmaker who styles himself as the "ghetto president."

The 36-year-old singer who performs as Bobi Wine is going toe-to-toe with one of Africa's longest-serving presidents, inspiring young people across the continent who are fed up with aging leaders they say are out of touch.

While Africa faces a youth boom in the decades ahead, with the population expected to double by 2050, Uganda is a dramatic example of the tensions to come. More than 75 percent of Ugandans are under age 30, according to government statistics. Called "Museveni babies," they've known no other president and fear they won't know another for a decade or more.

Wine, whose real name is Kyagulanyi Ssentamu, returned on Thursday from the United States following treatment for injuries suffered during alleged torture



A supporter sits next to posters of pop star-turned-opposition lawmaker Bobi Wine, whose real name is Kyagulanyi Ssentamu, at his home in Kampala, Uganda Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018.

Associated Press

by members of Uganda's presidential guard. It was sparked by his arrest over August clashes in which the president's motorcade was pelted with stones. The government denies the torture allegation and has charged the singer with treason, which he denies.

"We must get our freedom or we shall die trying," Ssentamu told reporters Thursday after greeting a cheering crowd on his arrival with a raised fist. He plans a national address Saturday.

By returning home instead of choosing exile, the singer has increased the pressure on the 74-year-old Museveni, who for the first time in years is not attending the annual United Nations gathering of world leaders

next week. Ugandan authorities say the president has more urgent matters. The clashes in which Ssentamu's driver was shot dead and five other lawmakers were arrested and allegedly tortured have exposed Museveni, a key U.S. security ally whose country is a top recipient of U.S. aid, to rare international criticism.

The European Union parliament urged Ugandan authorities "to stop the crackdown against opposition politicians and supporters." Five U.S. senators on the Foreign Relations Committee said they were "gravely concerned about the continued deterioration of democracy, human rights, and fundamental freedoms in Uganda." Dozens

of global musicians have condemned the singer's treatment.

Uganda's government in response has accused outsiders of meddling in its affairs.

Opposition leaders find it increasingly hard to organize in Uganda. Four-time presidential challenger Kizza Besigye has been detained hundreds of times.

As a fresh-faced activist with widespread appeal, Ssentamu may pose a more serious threat.

The singer was a small child when Museveni took power by force in 1986, and like many he grew up in a Kampala slum.

The crowded slums are magnets for impoverished strivers who arrive daily from villages and hustle to

get by, selling everything from burglar-proof bars to street snacks. They have rallied to Ssentamu's cry that Uganda's youth must take over after years of alleged misrule in a country with per capita income of just \$604, according to the World Bank.

"People Power is you, People Power is me, People Power is all of us," he said recently.

When he was arrested, slum residents burned tires in protest.

Ssentamu's voice has grown after he won a parliamentary seat last year without the backing of a political party. He quickly tapped into growing discontent when he unsuccessfully opposed the removal of a clause in the constitution that prevented anyone over 75 from holding the presidency.

Museveni is now eligible to run again when his current term ends in 2021 and could rule until the 2030s.

Wary of Ssentamu's appeal, the president warned youth about being lured into rioting by opposition leaders. He once again said youth should be grateful for progress made under his rule. Then he went to the slums to hand out money.

The donations were a "symbolic" token of Museveni's goodwill and have "nothing to do with prevailing politics," presidential spokesman Don Wanyama told The Associated Press. The president has long made similar donations elsewhere, he said. □



# Despite strong laws, domestic violence in Brazil is rampant



In this Sept. 4, 2018 photo, Rogeria Cardeal stands in line at the public defenders' office to renew a restraining order for her former partner in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — Rogeria Cardeal had spent most of the day in a muggy waiting room at the public defenders' office. She wanted to report that a former partner, who had beaten her for years, had violated a restraining order by approaching her and the kids at church.

The response was discouraging.

"It's not like he would've done anything in a public space," a case manager told Cardeal when she was finally called.

"I would barely call that psychological terror," said another.

The meeting turned into a shouting match, and one of the case managers pushed Cardeal out of the office.

"The fear of dying is the only thing that kept me going when I first started" seeking restraining orders, said Cardeal, a 39-year-old mother of three.

On paper, Latin America's largest nation has progressive legislation to protect

women from domestic violence. The 2006 Maria da Penha Law, named after a woman left paraplegic when her husband tried to murder her, has received international acclaim from bodies like the United Nations. The measure increased sentences for domestic abusers and created shelters for victims. A femicide law passed three years ago increased sentences when gender is identified as a cause of the killing.

Yet violence against women is rampant and may be getting worse.

Last year, a record 4,539 women were murdered in Brazil, according to the non-profit Brazilian Forum for Public Security. More than 1,100 were registered as femicides under the new law, nearly doubling the previous year's count.

The Brazilian nonprofit Mapa da Violencia, using data from the World Health Organization, reported in 2015 that Brazil had the fifth highest homicide rate for women of the 83 countries surveyed, and shocking

cases repeatedly emerge in the news media.

Last week, a surveillance camera captured 61-year-old Elaine Figueiredo being shot by her ex-husband in front of her house.

In July, security cameras showed the husband of Tatiane Spitzner, a 29-year-old lawyer, attacking her in an elevator moments before she died.

In May, Jessyka da Silva Souza, 25, was shot in front of her family by her former partner, a police officer.

"I always had empathy for the women I saw on TV. But when it happens to someone you know, it changes you," said Anna Caroline Viana, Souza's cousin.

Experts who work with survivors of domestic violence say many cases are not reported, in part because Brazil's crisis-stricken government has defunded many programs, poor women of color don't have the same access to health or legal services and ingrained machismo means women often blame themselves.

Jair Bolsonaro, a far-right

candidate leading the polls ahead of October's presidential election, has repeatedly insulted women, once telling a colleague in Congress she was so ugly that she "didn't deserve" to be raped.

Until 2009, the penal code disqualified some victims of sexual violence if they were not "honest women." As late as the 1990s, courts could justify attacks on a woman if she allegedly had done something to dishonor a man, say by having an affair.

"Now our legislation is exemplary, but the changes are very recent," said Jacqueline Pitanguy, a sociologist who directs the human rights organization Cepia in Rio de Janeiro. "The patriarchal culture still persists." Violence disproportionately affects black women. In 2016, homicide rates were 71 percent higher for black women than those of other races, a discrepancy that has been increasing over the years, according to the Brasilia-based Institute of Applied Economic Research. Cardeal, who is

black, decided to tell authorities about years of assaults and death threats after her former partner punched her as she held their toddler, and since 2013 she has been granted several restraining orders from a wing of the court system dedicated to crimes involving violence.

But such orders only last for three months. Each time she applies for a renewal, the actress and theater producer can lose a day of work, waiting for hours in a cramped room at the public defenders' office. Throngs of people elbow each other in the lines as toddlers and elderly people take up the seats.

When Cardeal went to report the restraining order violation, she waited more than four hours to turn in paperwork to then proceed to the domestic violence unit. After the altercation with the case managers, she met with the public defender, who told her she had a case, but that a judge would have to evaluate it, a process that could take months.

A branch of the government's Specialized Center for Women's Services has helped Cardeal navigate the byzantine judicial system. The Rio office gives about 200 women a month psychological and legal guidance, and when social workers fear a victim may be at risk of death, she is transferred to a secret shelter.

"They come to us to survive, to maintain their dignity as women," said Rosangela Pereira, the director of the office. The city's only other government-run center for domestic abuse closed due to budget cuts, forcing some women to travel long distances for assistance.

Despite years of difficulties, Cardeal has been able to move on. She started a fashion and arts project to help young people with self-esteem, is in a healthy relationship and has a lead role in a play about domestic violence, "Inimigos Ocultos," or "Hidden Enemies." □



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## A Warm Home for Mentally Disabled

**ORANJESTAD —** Foundation Ambiente Feliz received a generous donation from Medwork Caribbean NV in order to help the foundation a little more.

Foundation Ambiente Feliz, meaning Happy Ambiance, is a residential home for mentally disabled above 18 years old. In an interview with Aruba Today, director Luki Croes explains why this home for 20 clients is a safe haven for 10 sweet women and men. "We are a club of people that have a heart for our residents, we are family to them during their stay here and we strive to help more in the future." The foundation is proud to exist for 32 years already. More than half of the clients are above 50 years old and thus is aging an extra care.

"We offer 24-hour care in a professional and caring environment. The reason that the clients live here is that it became too hard for the family to take care day in, day out. But we do aim for a warm connection with the family and they always visit and spend time here." Ambiente Feliz is the only residential home for mentally disabled together with Cas Shaburi. It is heart-warming to see the connection between the staff and the clients here, they are indeed family and the smiles on the faces of the clients are priceless. Day in, day out these people do this rewarding job, in the sense of giving happiness to those who just came different into this world. But different is beautiful, everybody counts and that is what Ambiente feliz expresses.

Foundation Ambiente Feliz has many plans for the future. With the help of the government, companies and the community of Aruba they will be opening 20 new homes for patients who are in need of a more intensive care. The waiting list is very long and there is a social crisis that we need to take care of as soon as possible. In 2019 they will be opening their first home for younger kids with mental disabilities and are aiming to open the 2nd house also right after that. Their 3rd house will be for patients 55 and older that is in planning for the year 2020. In order to achieve the financial aid necessary they depend extremely on the continuous support of the business owner and also the community.

Seeing the importance this foundation has in our community Medwork Caribbean NV, which is a company that disposes of company doctors with the knowledge, experience and insight of a large network of professionals, decided to give a generous donation to the foundation. It is very admirable the hardwork done every day by the employees for their patients. It requires so much patience and dedication. The foundation will use the donation to buy uniform for their employees. Medwork Caribbean NV wants to encourage other companies and also the community to help these foundations with donations such as financially, or with materials or by volunteering in any project. All donations and help they can get is highly appreciated. For more information visit the facebook page Stichting Ambiente Feliz. □





## Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival



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palms with lights to create that tropical touch. Inside stage for those who crave for some peaceful listening in an air-conditioned room. There is plenty of opportunity to absorb some creativity

and culinary treats as well.

The Art Expo will offer you works from local artists, realistic paintings and abstract photos while the Arts & Crafts Market has hand-made sculptures and hand-crafts on the shelf which make that unique souvenir for you to take home. You can easily stroll around and spend your entire evening while indulging in live music of top artists from around the world. Prices for tickets are more than reasonable and you are welcome with the entire family as CSJF offers special prices for youth under 18.

Performing Saturday night will be Sister Sledge ft. Kathy Sledge, Di-rect, Yellowjackets, Eric darius & Althea Rene, Di Mongo, Delbert Bernabela, Robert Pablo Trio, Tribute to Sade, Cosy Cotton Band and Rebel Rockers are on the three stages and yes, all in one night. A recipe for joy as there will always be a performance that is to your liking. Diversity is the golden key here. Caribbean Sea Jazz festival still has that intimate, open-minded and welcome-to-all feeling. □

## Ride, Walk & Run for the Roses 2018

**ORANJESTAD —** Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds is holding their 8th annual ride, walk and run for roses. This is one of the many projects they do in order to generate funds and continue their work towards preventing cancer.

Stichting Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds Aruba (KWF) is a non-profit organization founded on February 4, 1961 with the object to inform, educate, prevent and fight cancer in Aruba. The foundation also provides support to cancer patients and their families living in Aruba. The foundation is not subsidized. Therefore, collections are made throughout the year in order for them to continue their work. With the help of

Nederlandse Kankerbestrijding, among others, they built their own building, located at Spinozastraat #9 in Oranjestad. The board of the foundation consists of volunteers, who are assisted by other volunteers.

The event will take place on Sunday September 23rd 2018 at the parking lot of Alhambra Casino starting at 5:30 AM till 10 AM. Walk, Run, Exercise, have fun and at the same time spent some quality time with the whole family and all for a good cause. At the end of the race everyone will receive a rose as a token of appreciation. For more information on this activity visit their facebook page Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds Aruba. □





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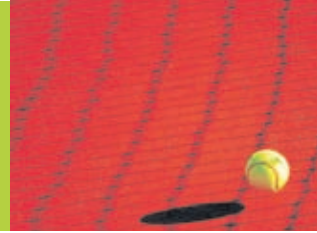
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# SPORTS



## MLB Texas Rangers fire Banister after consecutive losing seasons

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)

— The Texas Rangers fired manager Jeff Banister on Friday after the team stumbled to its first consecutive losing records in 10 years after winning AL West titles in each of his first two seasons.

Texas announced the move with 10 games left in Banister's fourth season.

In a season when the focus turned to the development of their younger players, the Rangers had a 64-88 record heading into the Friday night's game against Seattle to open the final home series of the year. They had lost four in a row and 11 of 15.

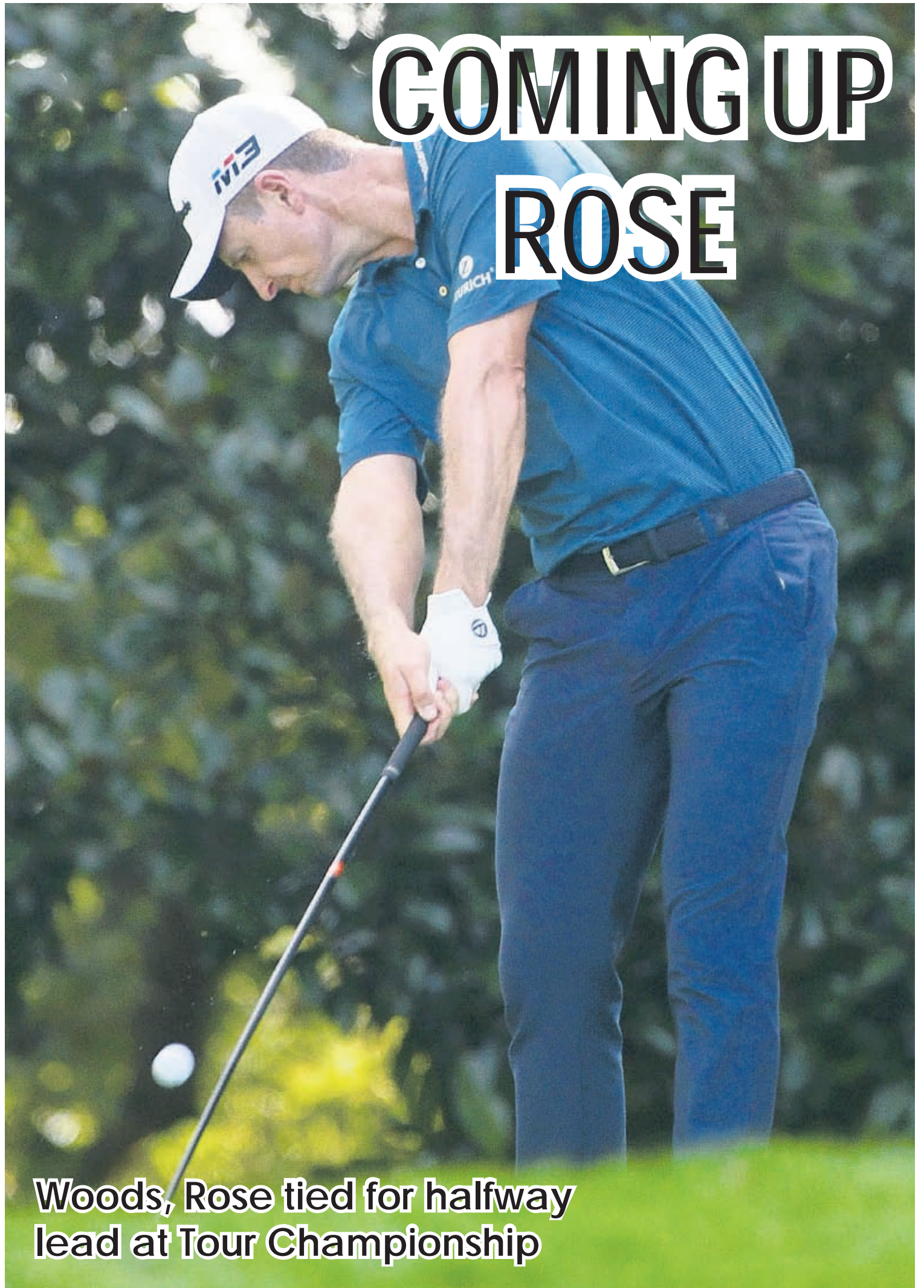
Bench coach Don Wakamatsu will serve as interim manager for the remainder of the season, starting with the three-game series against the Mariners. The Rangers will finish the season on the road next week against the Los Angeles Angels and Seattle.

General manager Jon Daniels said he informed the 54-year-old Banister of the decision on Thursday, a day off for the team. Banister was under contract through next season.

"This was not an easy decision and comes after a long period of evaluation. However, we feel that a change in the leadership of our Major League club is necessary as we move forward," Daniels said. "Once this conclusion was reached, I felt it was appropriate to make the move now."

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## COMING UP ROSE



## Woods, Rose tied for halfway lead at Tour Championship

Justin Rose hits from the 17th tee during the second round of the Tour Championship golf tournament Friday, Sept. 21, 2018, in Atlanta.

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Naomi Osaka of Japan returns a shot against Barbora Strycova of the Czech Republic during the quarterfinal match of the Pan Pacific Open women's tennis tournament in Tokyo Friday, Sept. 21, 2018.

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## Osaka beats Strycova to reach semifinals at Pan Pacific Open

By JIM ARMSTRONG

AP Sports Writer

**TOKYO (AP)** — Naomi Osaka raised her game when she needed to, and it landed her a spot in the semifinals of the Pan Pacific Open.

The U.S. Open champion, who upset Serena Williams in the final in New York this month, won her ninth straight match Friday, beating Barbora Strycova 6-3, 6-4.

"This was my third time playing her, and each time it was very close, so I knew she was very good," said the third-seeded Osaka, the first Japanese player to win a Grand Slam singles title.

Osaka will next face Camila Giorgi, who advanced after Victoria Azarenka retired from their match with a gastrointestinal ill-

ness in the first set. Giorgi was leading 5-3 when the match ended.

The 20-year-old Osaka converted all three of her break points and won 80 percent of points on her first serve. She hit 26 winners and had an equal number of unforced errors.

"I feel like I adjusted," Osaka said. "I knew that I wasn't playing that great today, but I still adjusted and I managed to win. I never know why certain things aren't working, but I feel like it's my job to make sure that I do the best that I can in that situation."

Osaka broke the eighth-seeded Strycova to take a 3-1 lead in the first set but was soon broken back. Leading 4-3, that's when Osaka took control. She immediately earned two break points, and Strycova

double-faulted on the first one to put Osaka ahead 5-3.

In the second set, double-faults again cost Strycova, who was broken at 2-2.

Osaka has been in the spotlight both on and off the court since she arrived back in Japan following her victory in New York. Friday's match at Tachikawa Arena was sold out and Osaka's progress up the rankings has been the focus of Japanese talk shows.

She has received congratulatory messages from Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and attended the ongoing sumo tournament in Tokyo. Also Friday, fourth-seeded Karolina Pliskova defeated Alison Riske 6-1, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (4). She will next play Donna Vekic, who beat second-seeded Caroline Garcia 6-3, 6-4. □

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## Thiem, Wawrinka reach St. Petersburg semifinals

**ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP)**

— Top-seeded Dominic Thiem and fit-again Stan Wawrinka won their quarterfinal matches at the St. Petersburg Open on Friday. Austrian player Thiem came through a tough encounter against Daniil Medvedev of Russia, firing 10 aces on his way to a 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (2) victory.

His reward is a semifinal with Roberto Bautista Agut of Spain, who won 7-6 (0), 6-3 against Marco Cecchi-

nato. Experienced Swiss Wawrinka, aiming for his first title since sustaining a severe knee injury last year, next plays Martin Klizan of Slovakia after beating last year's St. Petersburg champion Damir Dzumhur 6-3, 6-4.

Alexandrova beats top-seeded

Ostapenko at Korea Open SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Ekaterina Alexandrova broke top-seeded Jelena Ostapenko's serve five times Friday to beat the de-



Stan Wawrinka of Switzerland returns the ball to Damir Dzumhur of Bosnia and Herzegovina during the St. Petersburg Open ATP tennis tournament quarter final match in St. Petersburg, Russia, Friday, Sept. 21, 2018.

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fending champion 6-3, 6-2 in a rain-delayed match at the Korea Open.

Ostapenko, the 2017 French Open champion, had reached the quarterfinals or better at six tournaments this year, including the Wimbledon semifinals. Alexandrova came into the match with a 1-7 career record in round-of-16

matches at WTA-level events.

The postponement from Thursday meant Alexandrova had to play her quarterfinal match later Friday against sixth-seeded Hsieh Su-wei.

Hsieh has won seven straight matches since winning last week's Japan Women's Open. □



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## Rose, Wood share lead going into weekend at East Lake

By DOUG FERGUSON

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Not even one bad hole could keep Tiger Woods from a share of the 36-hole lead for the first time in more than three years.

Woods hit his stride Friday on the back nine at East Lake with three birdies and an 8-foot par save over four straight holes, giving him a two-shot lead as he started to build some separation against a 30-man field at the Tour Championship.

One tee shot brought him back. He went from the deep rough left of the 16th fairway to a plugged lie in a bunker that left him no choice but play away from the green, and he missed a 12-foot putt to take double bogey. A two-putt birdie on the final hole gave him a 2-under 68 and a tie with Justin Rose.

Woods considers it a victory to have made it to the Tour Championship coming off a fourth back surgery. He's not ready to think about the prospect of ending his remarkable comeback season with his 80th PGA Tour victory.

"We have a long way to go," Woods said. "This is not an easy golf course."

Rose, in his debut at No. 1 in the world, played in the group ahead of Woods and could hear all about it with an enormous gallery right behind him. He birdied three of his last six holes to offset a bogey for a 67. They were at 7-under 133. Rory McIlroy made enough birdies to offset his mistakes in a round of 68. He was two shots behind.

Woods last shared the 36-hole lead at the Wyndham Championship in 2015. He wound up in a tie for 10th, and then was gone from the PGA Tour for the next 17 months while he recovered from two back surgeries.

One more back surgery followed that brief return in 2017, and it's been a slow road back.

In the FedEx Cup finale, however, Woods is picking up momentum. He opened with a 62 at Aronimink two weeks ago on a rain-softened course and stayed within five shots of the lead the rest of the way until he tied for sixth.

Now his name has been atop the leaderboard for consecutive rounds, and it's not an accident.

East Lake, with its shaggy Bermuda rough and dry, fast conditions, requires nothing short of precision. Woods wasn't nearly as sharp as he was Thursday when he started with a 65, but he missed in the right spots. Despite hitting only two fairways through 11 holes, he wasn't losing much ground.

"This course, the way it's playing right now, you've got to be so patient," Woods said. "It's hard to make birdies, and on top of that, it's hard to get the ball close. It's very easy to make mistakes, make a few bogeys here and there. And look at most of the field. That's basically what they're doing." Jon Rahm and Rickie Fowler also had at least a share of the lead at some point, only to lose ground. It was a slow bleed for Fowler, who went birdie-free over



Tiger Woods acknowledges the gallery after making a birdie putt on the second green during the second round of the Tour Championship golf tournament Friday, Sept. 21, 2018, in Atlanta.

his last 12 holes and shot 39 on the back nine for a 72. It was a sudden drop for Rahm, who took bogey from the rough on the 14th hole and then put his tee shot into the water on the par-3 15th for a double bogey and a 68.

Rahm was three behind at 136, along with Billy Horschel and Patrick Cantlay, each with a tournament-best 65, and Justin Thomas, the defending FedEx Cup champion who hit tee shots all over East Lake and somehow managed a 69.

"We don't play very many places like this where if you have control of your ball, if you have control of your game, you're probably going to have a good chance to win," Thomas said.

Fowler was four shots back. Woods surged into the lead

starting with a wedge to 4 feet on No. 12, an 8-foot par save on the 13th, an 18-foot birdie on the 14th and a tee shot that flirted with the edge of the peninsula green on the par-3 15th. Woods poured that one in from 25 feet, and the roar resonated across East Lake. And then he was in deep trouble, his ball nestled down on the 454-yard 16th hole. He thought he could gouge it out of the rough and over the tree to just short of the green, but he misjudged the lie. It came up short into a bunker some 50 yards short of the green, plugged so badly in the side that he couldn't do anything but blast out slightly behind him. A flip wedge to 12 feet and two putts later, he was tied with Rose. "I probably should

have just pitched out, and the worst I would make is 5," Woods said. "And with my wedge game right now, a pretty high percentage I would have got that up-and-down. But I thought I could sneak it up there and get up on the upslope and have a good angle in there, and it just didn't work out."

Rose is coming off a playoff loss at the BMW Championship last week, and as the No. 2 seed in the FedEx Cup is in the best spot to capture the \$10 million prize. Bryson DeChambeau, the No. 1 seed, shot 75 and was 13 shots behind.

Tony Finau and Dustin Johnson, the other top-5 seeds who only have to win to claim the FedEx Cup, have ground to make up on the weekend. □



# Are Raiders that bad? Are Dolphins that good? They meet next

By **BARRY WILNER**  
AP Pro Football Writer

There have been some classic games between the Oakland Raiders and Miami Dolphins. While Sunday's meeting doesn't carry the weight of a playoff contest between two powers, it certainly brings plenty of intrigue.

Such as: Are the Dolphins (2-0) real good, and are the Raiders (0-2) pretty bad?

The answers will come over the next few weeks, but this could be a strong indicator of where each team is headed in 2018.

Miami has been winning the field position battle, is tied for the NFL lead with five interceptions — the Dolphins had nine all last year — and has allowed only seven points in four red-zone possessions by opponents. Healthy QB Ryan Tannehill is 9-1 in his past 10 starts; he missed the 2017 season with a knee injury.

Meanwhile, the Raiders are allowing 5.7 yards per rush, worst in the league. They are tied for last with only one takeaway and have all of two sacks. Did someone say they miss Khalil Mack? Yet the key could be when Oakland has the ball and whether it can generate anything against a defense that plays most everybody who suits up.

"The addition of (DE Robert) Quinn is huge," says Raiders coach Jon Gruden, whose return to the sideline had Raiders fans all giddy before the Mack trade and the two defeats.

"He has given them supreme effort opposite Cameron Wake. And they have a very good unit inside that can generate pressure as well. It's a combination of new players, new energy and the scheme. It's fun to watch them."

Maybe not for Derek Carr, the quarterback who has to face them.

The weekend began Thursday night with Cleveland's first win in 635 days, a 21-17 home victory over the New York Jets.

The No. 1 overall pick Baker Mayfield replaced injured starter Tyrod Taylor and



**In this Sept. 13, 2018, file photo, Cincinnati Bengals defensive tackle Geno Atkins (97) pursues Baltimore Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco (5) before completing the sack during the first half of an NFL football game in Cincinnati. Atkins has looked super, getting three sacks and plenty of pressures.**

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sparked the Browns (1-1-1), who got two 1-yard touchdown runs from Carlos Hyde in their first win since Dec. 24, 2016. And so ends Cleveland's 19-game winless streak, the NFL's second-longest since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger. The Jets are 1-2.

Indianapolis (1-1) at Philadelphia (1-1) One of several games with tasty matchups.

The Super Bowl champions get back Carson Wentz, whose major knee injury last December led to Nick Foles taking over at quarterback — and winning the title. Wentz is healthy, which means he'll play.

"It's been a long time coming," Wentz says. "It's been quite the grind of an off-season. There's a lot of excitement, a lot of built-up almost anxiety over when it was going to be."

It will be against the offensive coordinator, Frank Reich, who had a big role in Wentz's quick development. Reich now coaches the Colts, who have their own star QB back from injury, Andrew Luck.

Luck has thrown a TD pass in 25 consecutive games, the league's longest active streak.

The Colts are one win from 300 since moving to Indianapolis in 1984.

New England (1-1) at Detroit (0-2)

Matt Patricia spent 14 seasons working for Bill Belichick in New England. Rarely did he deal with what

has gone on the past two weeks with the Lions. They have looked inept at times, Matthew Stafford has little protection and has thrown a league-high five picks. Detroit is 30th in rushing defense, which must make defensive guru Patricia cringe.

Belichick is 14-8 against former assistants. New England is 45-6 after losing a game since 2003 and didn't lose two straight in 2016 or 2017. It fell at Jacksonville last Sunday.

Denver (2-0) at Baltimore (1-1)

One more spicy matchup, on the defensive side.

Led by Von Miller, the Broncos seem to have rekindled the Orange Crush. He leads the NFL with four sacks, a rate that would give him a record 32. Don't bet against him.

Denver has allowed only five third-down conversions in 22 tries, the best rate (22.7 percent) in the NFL.

The Ravens rank second on D, no surprise there. But they'll likely be missing three-time Pro Bowl LB C.J. Mosley (knee).

New Orleans (1-1) at Atlanta (1-1)

In perhaps the toughest division, both of these 2017 playoff teams have been way too inconsistent so far. The Saints opened with two home games, losing to Tampa Bay and getting lucky to beat Cleveland. The defense was awful in the opener, the offense struggled last week.

Still, they have Drew Brees, looking for his fourth straight road game with a passer rating over 100. WR Michael Thomas has 28 catches, an NFL record for the first two games of a season.

Atlanta's up-and-down nature has been partly caused by injuries, particularly on defense. That's never a good way to approach a matchup with Brees.

New York Giants (0-2) at Houston (0-2)

The most watchable thing here — if you like defenses creaming quarterbacks — is whether Eli Manning or Deshaun Watson can escape the rush. Watson, who has terrific agility, already has gone down seven times, and he's not come close to the sensational showings he made as a rookie before tearing up his knee.

Even worse, Manning has been sacked eight times and there haven't been a handful of pass plays on which he didn't feel pressure. Now, he gets to see J.J. Watt and Jadeveon Clowney close up, with a new center, John Greco, to boot.

Dallas (1-1) at Seattle (0-2) More sack time coming.

In years past, Seattle's defense would be knocking down quarterbacks. This version of the Seahawks has three sacks as the unit is rebuilt.

Meanwhile, Russell Wilson has gone down 12 times, and considering his escapability, that's scary in Seattle. Dallas barely let Manning breathe last week, has nine sacks from eight players, and faces possibly a bigger sieve of a blocking unit this week.

Los Angeles Chargers (1-1) at Los Angeles Rams (2-0) Remember when L.A. had no teams? Now, both figure to be contenders in their divisions. Indeed, the Rams have the most talent of any roster and are off to a powerful start.

This could be a shootout. Since Week 11 of last season, the Chargers are tops in offense, averaging 436.9 yards per game. Philip Riv-

ers has thrown three or more TD passes and has a passer rating over 100 in three straight regular-season games, and has plenty of weapons.

So does Rams QB Jared Goff, particularly 2017 Offensive Player of the Year Todd Gurley. The fourth-year RB is off to another brilliant start.

It's the first meeting between two Los Angeles NFL teams since Nov. 13, 1994, when the Raiders defeated the Rams 20-17.

Cincinnati (2-0) at Carolina (1-1)

Wait, the Bengals are unbeaten? Here's a real chance to prove they are legit. Cincinnati can get after the passer and will force Cam Newton to be creative. The Bengals are well rested — they beat Baltimore on a Thursday night in Week 2 — and DT Geno Atkins has looked super, getting three sacks and plenty of pressures.

But second-year running back Joe Mixon is sidelined, and Carolina has its own dangerous RB from the 2017 draft in Christian McCaffrey. He tied WR Steve Smith's franchise record with 14 receptions vs. the Falcons. Carolina has won six straight at home.

Tennessee (1-1) at Jacksonville (2-0)

Jacksonville being 2-0 is no shock and the Jaguars could seize early control of the AFC South here. They showed plenty of moxie in beating New England last Sunday and hope to have top RB Leonard Fournette healthy. They haven't been 3-0 in 14 years.

Even though the Jags won the division in 2017, they were swept by Tennessee, helping the Titans earn a wild card. Tennessee has been very protective of its passer, whether Marcus Mariota or former Jaguar Blaine Gabbert; opponents have one sack. Getting Mariota back from an elbow injury is critical.

San Francisco (1-1) at Kansas City (2-0)

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## Won, won and won! Browns beat Jets for first win since 2016

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — For the first time in 635 days, the Cleveland Browns won.

Baker Mayfield showed them how.

The No. 1 overall pick replaced injured starter Tyrod Taylor and sparked the Browns, who got two 1-yard touchdown runs from Carlos Hyde and beat the New York Jets 21-17 on Thursday night for their first win since Dec. 24, 2016.

"I've just been waiting for my moment," Mayfield said. "I'm just getting started."

And so ends Cleveland's 19-game winless streak, the NFL's second-longest since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger.

The Browns (1-1-1) trailed 14-0 in the first half before Mayfield came in for Taylor and led four scoring drives while winning an unexpected matchup against Jets rookie quarterback Sam Darnold. Cleveland passed on taking Darnold in the draft and instead chose Mayfield, the Heisman Trophy winner from Oklahoma. Mayfield finished 17 of 23 for 201 yards in a little more than a half after coming in after Taylor suffered a concussion.

Darnold had one last chance, but was intercepted by Terrence Mitchell with 11 seconds left.

When the final seconds ticked off the clock, Cleveland fans, who had endured a 0-16 season and waited nearly two years to see their Browns win, erupted in celebration.

Refrigerators around the city stocked with Bud Lights were finally unlocked, and there figured to be more than a few beverages consumed in the hours ahead. This was just one win, and while it was an ending, it also felt like a beginning —



Cleveland Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield throws a pass against the New York Jets during the first half of an NFL football game Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018, in Cleveland.

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because of Mayfield.

"Dilly, dilly to the Cleveland fans," Mayfield said, using the beer's commercial slogan. "It's not the only win we're going to celebrate." Isaiah Crowell had two touchdown runs for the Jets (1-2), who seemed in control when they took a 14-0 lead and knocked Taylor from the game.

Newly signed Browns kicker Greg Joseph made field goals of 45 and 27 yards after being signed just three days ago.

Browns coach Hue Jackson got just his second win in 35 games since being hired by owners Dee and Jimmy Haslam, and this win will ease some of the pressure he's been feeling

to get Cleveland turned around. Jackson could also be faced with a difficult choice — either stick with Mayfield or go back to Taylor when he's healthy. The decision might not be as tough now.

Jackson wouldn't commit to staying with Mayfield, but referred to the performance as "his coming out

party" several times.

Mayfield made his NFL debut with 1:42 left in the second quarter, replacing an injured Taylor after Cleveland's starter was sacked for the third time. Taylor struggled getting to his feet after being dragged down by linebacker Avery Williamson, but he had absorbed several hard blows before that — and had been ineffective.

With Cleveland's crowd roaring, Mayfield completed a 14-yard pass to Jarvis Landry on his first pass as a pro and then found tight end David Njoku for 17 yards. Mayfield drove Cleveland into field-goal position and Joseph, who signed with the team on Monday following a tryout, drilled a low line drive to pull the Browns within 14-3. Cleveland's plan was to have Mayfield watch and learn this season.

Taylor's injury may change everything.

For Darnold, a promising start ended with his second loss in three games. He completed 15 of 31 passes for 169 yards, but threw two picks late in the fourth as he tried to rally the Jets.

"I feel like I've got to play better and make better reads," Darnold said. "I need to be more decisive. We've got to make them pay and put the ball in our playmakers' hands."

Hyde's 1-yard TD run pulled the Browns within 14-12 and Cleveland tied it with a trick 2-point play.

Mayfield shifted to the left and the ball was snapped directly to running back Duke Johnson, who ran right and gave the ball to Landry on a reverse. Landry then lofted a pass into the end zone to Mayfield, whose conversion tied it and sent Cleveland fans into a frenzy. □



# Red Sox win 3rd straight AL East title, beating Yanks 11-6

By The Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Mookie Betts and the Boston Red Sox won their third consecutive AL East championship Thursday night, clinching on enemy turf with an 11-6 victory over the rival New York Yankees.

Betts homered, doubled twice and drove in five runs, finishing with four hits as the Red Sox overcame Giancarlo Stanton's go-ahead grand slam in the fourth inning. Jackie Bradley Jr. hit a tying home run in the seventh and Xander Bogaerts put Boston ahead with a sacrifice fly.

With the best record in baseball and a playoff berth already secured, Boston (104-49) closed out a once-tight division race with nine games to spare. J.D. Martinez and the Red Sox, alone in first place since July 2, will open the postseason at home on Oct. 5 against an opponent to be determined.

Never before had Boston finished in first place three years in a row. The club needs one victory to match the franchise record held by the 1912 World Series champions. It took three tries, but these Red Sox finally earned their chance to celebrate at Yankee Stadium under rookie manager Alex Cora.

After starter Eduardo Rodriguez walked a career-high seven in 3 2/3 innings, knuckleballer Steven Wright (3-1) worked three shutout innings for the win.

Brock Holt also homered for the Red Sox, and Martinez increased his major league-leading RBI total to 124 in a game that took 4 hours, 2 minutes.

Luke Voit hit a two-run homer for New York. Chad Green (8-3) was the loser.

**ATHLETICS 21, ANGELS 3**  
**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Marcus Semien had three hits and a career-high five RBIs, Stephen Piscotty homered and drove in four runs and Oakland hammered Los Angeles.

The Athletics reduced their magic number for clinching a playoff berth to five. Since June 15, Oakland is a major league-best 58-25.



**Boston Red Sox's Mookie Betts hits a three-run home run off New York Yankees relief pitcher Aroldis Chapman during the eighth inning of a baseball game, Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018, in New York.**  
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Going into Thursday, Oakland trailed Houston by four games in the AL West, led Tampa Bay by 5 1/2 games for the second wild card, and was 2 1/2 games behind the New York Yankees for the first wild card.

Catcher Francisco Arcia pitched the last two innings for the Angels, and also homered in the ninth.

Piscotty was 2 for 3 with a three-run homer. He's 4 for 6 with two home runs and nine RBI in his last two games. Matt Chapman was 2 for 4 with a double

and two RBI. He leads the majors with 24 doubles since the All-Star break and has 41 on the year.

Mike Trout hit his 36th home run for the Angels.

Edwin Jackson (6-3) struck out seven and gave up two runs in 5 1/3 innings of three-hit ball. Matt Shoemaker (2-2) was the loser.

**BLUE JAYS 9, RAYS 8**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Justin Smoak homered with two outs in the ninth inning to lift Toronto past Tampa Bay, dealing a blow to the Rays' wild-card playoff hopes.

Smoak hit his 25th homer of the season and third career walk-off blast. Sergio Romo (3-4) blew his eighth save in 30 opportunities. David Paulino (1-0) pitched an inning for the victory as Toronto won for the fourth time in its past five.

Trailing 8-2 to begin the ninth, the Blue Jays roared back to snap Tampa Bay's five-game winning streak. Tellez hit an RBI double and Danny Jansen chased Jamie Schultz with a three-run homer. Romo came on and struck out Richard

Urena, but pinch hitter Kendrys Morales singled and Lourdes Gurriel Jr. tied it with a two-run homer to left. Smoak followed with a first pitch drive to right.

Jonny Chirinos (5-5) was the loser.

**WHITE SOX 5, INDIANS 4, 11 INNINGS**

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Matt Davidson hit a run-scoring single with two out in the 11th inning to lift Chicago past Cleveland for the White Sox's first victory at Progressive Field this season. The White Sox were outscored 58-19 in dropping their first eight games in Cleveland, including a 4-1 loss Wednesday when Jason Kipnis hit a grand slam in the ninth.

Yolmer Sanchez doubled off Adam Cimber (0-3) to start the 11th and moved to third on a groundout. After Avisail Garcia was intentionally walked, Ryan Cordell struck out before Davidson singled to right.

Hector Santiago (6-3) pitched three scoreless innings. Eric Haase was hit by a pitch to start the 11th, but Santiago retired Francisco Lindor on a fly ball, struck out Michael Brantley and got Jose Ramirez on a groundout to end the game.

**TIGERS 11, ROYALS 8**

**DETROIT (AP)** — Christin Stewart hit his first two big league homers and drove in six runs, leading Detroit past Kansas City.

Stewart, a September call-up playing in his 11th game, became the first Tigers rookie to drive in six runs in a game since Ryan Raburn had seven against the White Sox on July 25, 2007. Six Tigers had at least two hits and Detroit snapped a seven-game home losing streak. Kansas City has lost five in a row. Zac Reininger (1-0), the second of seven Detroit pitchers, picked up his first major league victory. Nicholas Castellanos also homered for Detroit.

Jorge Bonifacio, Hunter Dozier and Adalberto Mondesi homered for Kansas City. Jorge Lopez (2-5) gave up seven runs without getting an out in the second. □



# Braves top Phillies 8-3, move closer to clinching division

By The Associated Press

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Luca Duda's pinch-hit double drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh, and Atlanta took an important step toward winning the NL East by beating Philadelphia.

Atlanta leads the second-place Phillies by 6 1/2 games following the opening game of the four-game series. The teams close the season with three games at Philadelphia, but the Phillies need to win at least three of four in Atlanta to retain hope of making the final series meaningful. The Braves have a magic number of four over Philadelphia to clinch their first division title since 2013.

Freddie Freeman had two hits and scored two runs. He has eight hits in his last three games.

Tommy Hunter (4-4), the Phillies' fifth pitcher, gave up a leadoff double to Dansby Swanson in the seventh. The left-handed hitting Duda pulled the run-scoring double into the right-field corner, giving Atlanta the 4-3 lead. Jesse Biddle (6-1), the Phillies' 2010 first-round pick, gave up one hit while recording two outs in the seventh.

METS 5, NATIONALS 4, 12 IN-

TINGS

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Jose Lobaton hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly against his former team in the 12th inning and New Yorks beat Washington.

Lobaton, who spent the previous four years in Washington before signing with the Mets in December, lofted a one-out fly ball off Jefry Rodriguez (3-3) with the bases loaded to score Amed Rosario.

Jacob Rhame (1-2) worked two scoreless innings, and Paul Sewald pitched the 12th for his second save.

Nationals outfielder Bryce Harper was ejected in the 12th for arguing home plate umpire D.J. Reyburn's called third strike.

Washington starter Max Scherzer pitched seven innings, allowing three runs while striking out 13. He has 290 strikeouts this year, the most for a National since the franchise relocated from Montreal before the 2005 season. Scherzer set the previous mark of 284 in 2016.

REDS 4, MARLINS 2

**MIAMI (AP)** — Cody Reed won for the first time as a starter in the majors, and Scooter Gennett homered and doubled to lead Cin-



Atlanta Braves pinch-hitter Lucas Duda watches his RBI double during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018, in Atlanta.

Associated Press

cinnati past Miami.

Reed (1-2) allowed five hits and struck out six in six shut-out innings. The left-hander

joined the starting rotation Aug. 30 and has thrown 11 consecutive scoreless innings. Gennett's two-run

home run in the seventh gave Cincinnati a 4-0 lead. Jeff Bringham (0-3) was the loser. □

## BANISTER

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Banister was hired in November 2014 to replace Ron Washington, the manager who led the Rangers to their only World Series appearances in 2010 and 2011 before his abrupt resignation for personal reasons late in the 2014 season. Banister had a 325-313 record in his first managerial job. The Rangers lost to Toronto in the AL Division Series after their AL West titles in both 2015 and 2016. The Rangers were 88-74 in Banister's managerial debut in 2015, and matched a team record with an American League-high 95 wins in 2016. They slipped to 78-84 last season, though weren't

eliminated from AL wild-card contention until the final week of the season.

Wakamatsu rejoined the Rangers last November after four seasons as the bench coach in Kansas City. He previously served on the Rangers staff from 2003-07.

The Rangers have seven position players age 25 or younger who have gotten at least 300 at-bats this season.

Texas traded pending free agent pitcher Yu Darvish to the Los Angeles Dodgers midway through the 2017 season, and this year traded Cole Hamels to the Chicago Cubs even though the Rangers had a club option on the left-hander for

next season. The Rangers also traded closer Keone Kela at this season's non-waiver trade deadline, and also dealt away veteran relievers Jake Diekmann and Jesse Chavez.

Mike Minor, who was a full-time reliever in Kansas City last year after missing two full seasons because of injury, is the only pitcher who began this season in the Rangers starting rotation and is still in it.

The last time the Rangers had finished consecutive seasons with losing records was 2005-08, before going 87-75 in 2009. They then had their two World Series seasons before losing the AL's first one-and-done wildcard game in 2012,



In this Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018, file photo, Texas Rangers manager Jeff Banister watches from the dugout during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays in Arlington, Texas.

Associated Press

and losing to Tampa Bay to end the 2013 regular season. □



# Is \$1,100 too much for an iPhone? Get an older one for less



In this March 21, 2016, file photo members of the media and invited guests take a look at the new iPhone SE during an event at Apple headquarters in Cupertino, Calif.

By ANICK JESDANUN

AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The \$1,100 price tag on Apple's latest iPhone turned heads when the company announced it last week. But for less than half as much, you can still get a good camera, a decent-sized screen and other popular features.

Just buy a two-year-old iPhone 7.

That phone was Apple's first to come with water resistance and its first to lose the standard headphone jack.

Its 4.7-inch screen is adequate and on par with other smartphones, even though its resolution falls short of high definition. And the phone still has a fingerprint sensor and a home button, both of which have vanished in the latest iPhones.

Or, if you want to pay more for wireless charging, there's the iPhone 8. An edge-to-edge screen? You'll need the upcoming budget iPhone XR or one of its more expensive siblings.

And if you want a super-sized display, that's where the \$1,100 iPhone XS Max comes in.

That model and a smaller version start selling in the U.S. and several other countries on Friday.

If you're shopping for a new phone, it pays to think hard about what you really want and what you're willing to pay for it. Improvements over the previous generation tend to be incremental, but can add up over time — and so do the sums you'll pay for them.

Here's what to consider if you're thinking of bargain-hunting in the iPhone history bin.

## IPHONE 7 (\$449)

The big jump in iPhone cameras came a generation earlier with the iPhone 6S, when Apple went from 8 megapixels to 12 megapixels in resolution. With the iPhone 7, the front camera goes from 5 megapixels to 7 megapixels, so selfies don't feel as inferior. Headphones go into its Lightning port, which is used for both charging and data

transfer. It's a pain when you want to listen to music while recharging the phone. For that, you need \$159 wireless earphones called AirPods. Apple no longer includes an adapter for standard headphones; one will set you back \$9 if you need it.

## IPHONE 7 PLUS (\$569)

This larger version of the iPhone 7 has a second camera lens in the back, allowing for twice the magnification without any degradation in image quality. It also lets the camera gauge depth and blur backgrounds in portrait shots, something once limited to full-featured SLR cameras. The dual-lens camera alone is a good reason to go for a Plus, though the larger size isn't a good fit for those with small hands or small pockets.

## IPHONE 8 (\$599)

New color filters in the camera produce truer and richer colors, while a new flash technique tries to light the foreground and background more evenly. Differences are subtle, though.

The year-old model, similar in size to the iPhone 7, restores a glass back found in the earliest iPhones.

That's done so you can charge it on a wireless-charging mat, which also solves the problem of listening to music while charging.

But with more glass, it's even more important to get a case and perhaps a service plan.

## IPHONE 8 PLUS (\$699)

Again, the Plus version has a larger screen and a second lens. For those shots with blurred backgrounds, a new feature lets you add filters to mimic studio and other lighting conditions.

## IPHONE XS (\$999)

As with the iPhone X it replaces, the new XS has a display that largely runs from edge to edge, getting rid of the surrounding bezel along with the home button. Many tasks now require swipes rather than presses.

The fingerprint ID sensor is replaced with facial recognition to unlock the phone. The display has about the

same surface area as the iPhone 7 Plus and 8 Plus, while the phone itself is only slightly larger than the regular iPhone 7 and 8. Improved display technology means vivid colors and better contrasts, including black that is black rather than simply dark. You also get a dual-lens camera and software improvements for regular shots.

## IPHONE XS MAX (\$1,099)

This is essentially the "Plus" version of the iPhone XS. The phone itself is about the size of the Plus, but with more room for the display. This phone won't feel big for existing Plus users, but think twice if you have small hands or small pockets.

## COMING SOON

Consider waiting a month for the iPhone XR. Its display lacks the vivid colors, contrast quality and resolution of the XS, but the price tag is nicer at \$749. As with the XS models, you'll get an edge-to-edge screen to minimize wasted space. There's more display than the regular XS, but the phone itself is also larger — just not as large as the Max. The XR won't have the dual-lens camera, though Apple says it can offer the blurred-background effect with software.

## WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Apple quietly discontinued the iPhone SE, which is essentially a three-year-old iPhone 6S, packed in a body that's smaller but thicker than the iPhone 7 and 8.

Though the trend in phones has been to go bigger, some people preferred the smaller size — and the \$350 price tag. Apple no longer sells it, though you can get it from some wireless carriers and other retailers, at least for now.

## ALL IN THE MEMORY

If you get an SE, 7 or 7 Plus, consider spending another \$100 to quadruple the storage.

Those phones come with a paltry 32 gigabytes, just half of what's standard these days. If you don't upgrade, you risk filling up your phone quickly with photos, video, songs and podcasts. □



# US stock indexes are mixed, set stage for more milestones

By **ALEX VEIGA,**  
**Associated Press**

Major U.S. stock indexes edged mostly higher in afternoon trading Friday, on track to extend gains from a day earlier when the market climbed to all-time highs. Gains in health care and industrial companies outweighed losses in banks and technology stocks. Energy companies rose along with the price of U.S. crude oil.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The S&P 500 index rose 2 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,932 as of 1:55 p.m. Eastern Time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 76 points, or 0.3 percent, to 26,733. The Nasdaq composite lost 18 points, or 0.2 percent, to 8,009. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies gave up 3 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,716. The Dow and S&P 500 each hit all-time highs Thursday.

**TRADE TIGHTROPE:** The trade dispute between the U.S. and China is set to escalate Monday. That's when an additional 10 percent tax on \$200 billion of Chinese imports kicks in. The tariffs will rise to 25 percent on Jan 1. Beijing has said it



In this Sept. 14, 2018, file photo specialist Meric Greenbaum, left, and trader Gregory Rowe work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

would retaliate by imposing tariffs of 5 or 10 percent on \$60 billion of U.S. goods including coffee, honey and industrial chemicals. Some U.S. companies are already bracing for the fallout from the latest round of tariffs. Chipmaker Micron Technology said Friday its profits would be hurt by the tariffs on Chinese imports that go into effect next

week. Shares in the company slid 3.7 percent to \$44.34. Still, investors were taking the potential negative impact of the trade dispute in stride this week, taking comfort from the latest signs that the economy is on solid ground and driving the market higher. **THE QUOTE:** "Finally the market has shrugged off all

the trade war fears," said Karyn Cavanaugh, senior markets strategist at Voya Investment Management. "The robustness of the economy just won't be put down." **TAKING FLIGHT:** Several airlines notched gains, part of a broad pickup in industrial sector stocks. American Airlines Group climbed 4.1 percent to \$43.62 after the

**Associated Press**

company said it will raise fees for checked bags. The move came a day after Delta Air Lines announced its own plans to raise baggage fees. Delta shares added 3.2 percent to \$59.98. Southwest Airlines rose 2.1 percent to \$63.84. **FEELING CHIPPER:** Texas Instruments added 1.2 percent to \$109.75 after the chipmaker raised its quarterly dividend and said it will buy back \$12 billion in stock.

**PRECISION DEAL:** Mazor Robotics surged 10.2 percent to \$58.11 after the surgical guidance system maker agreed to be bought by Medtronic for \$1.54 billion. **UNAPPETIZING RESULTS:** United Natural Foods slumped 11.3 percent to \$30.04 after the food distributor reported disappointing earnings and sales.

**ENERGY:** Benchmark U.S. crude gained 1 percent to \$71.02 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, was flat at \$78.25 a barrel in London. The rise in crude oil prices sent many energy stocks higher. Marathon Petroleum rose 2.2 percent to \$83.76. □

# Credit freeze free nationwide as of Friday

By **SARAH SKIDMORE SELL**  
**Associated Press**

Consumers can now freeze their credit for free under a new federal law.

A credit freeze restricts access to your credit file, essentially halting anyone from opening any new credit in your name. The rules used to vary by state, but previously it could cost up to \$10 to put a freeze in place. That fee often had to be paid again when someone wanted to unfreeze it for any legitimate uses. But under a new law that takes effect Friday, consumers anywhere in the U.S. can do so quickly and for free.

Congress passed the law in response to last year's massive Equifax hack, which exposed the private information of more than 145 million Americans. Presi-



This June 10, 2015, file photo shows a chip credit card in Philadelphia. Consumers can now freeze their credit for free under a new federal law, which takes effect Friday, Sept. 21, 2018.

dent Donald Trump signed it into law in May. The law requires that credit freezes be free for consumers across the country. If the request is made over the phone or online, the freeze must be completed

within a day. If the request is made by mail, within three days of receiving the request. Lifting the freeze is also free and must be done within the hour if the request was made by phone or online;

three days if by mail.

Consumers who want to freeze their credit should visit the websites of all three credit reporting agencies — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion — to make their request at each. The FTC also will have links to those pages on its identity theft information website: [www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov)

Additionally, the law allows for a free credit freeze for children under age 16, something that was not previously allowed in all states. This helps prevent criminals from creating fraudulent accounts under a child's identity, a problem that often goes undetected until they are adults and seek credit of their own.

A credit freeze is considered one of the most effective ways to protect criminals from opening

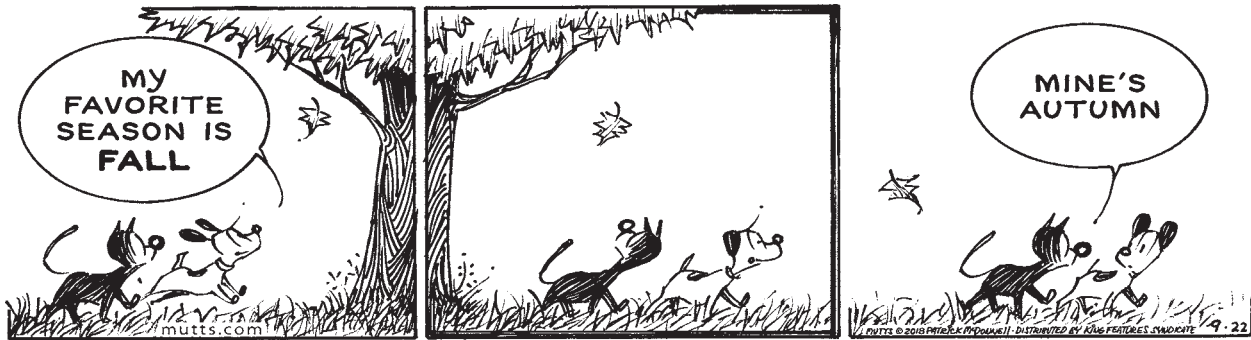
credit in your name. It is different than credit monitoring, which tracks a person's credit and alerts them of changes in activity.

"Think of a credit freeze as a state-of-the-art home security system that keeps the bad guys out," said Ted Rossman, industry analyst at Creditcards.com. "Versus credit monitoring, which is more like that text message you got from your neighbor after someone already smashed through your living room window and walked off with your big-screen TV."

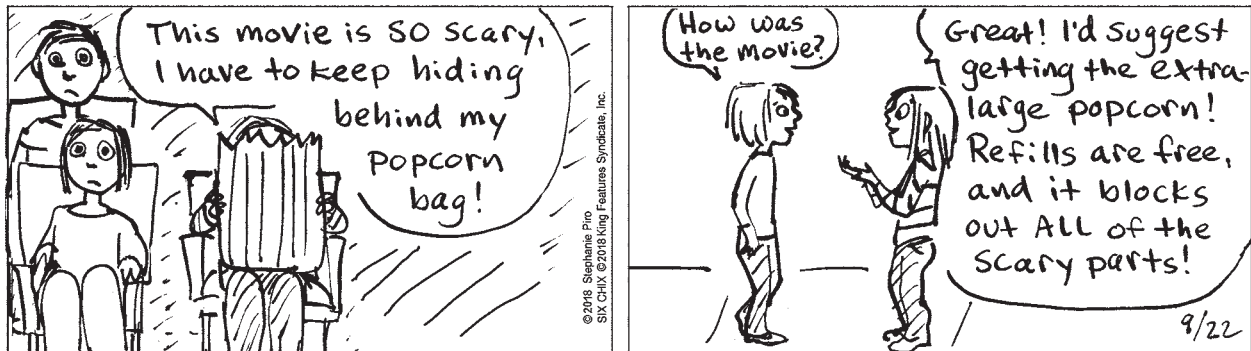
While it does provide a layer of security, a credit freeze will not protect you from some other forms of identity theft, such as filing a fraudulent tax return in your name or making charges against an existing account. □



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## Conceptis Sudoku

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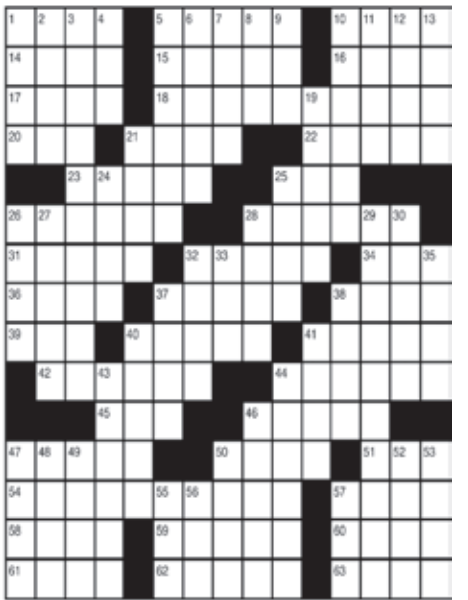
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- 1 \_\_\_ pudding; Christmas treat  
5 Wild  
10 Actor Alan  
14 "What's My \_\_\_?" of old TV  
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21 Get up  
22 Pig's remarks  
23 Without companions  
25 Ridicule  
26 French Frau  
28 Ukrainian seaport  
31 Escape detection by  
32 Caesar's robes  
34 Waiter's hope  
36 Unruly crowds  
37 Emotional  
38 Ricky Ricardo's portrayer  
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40 Babble  
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42 Blackjack table host  
44 Endure pain  
45 Edison's monogram  
46 \_\_\_ Rica  
47 Move over a bit  
50 Nat King or Old King  
51 Fight result, for short  
54 Pen name  
57 Facial feature  
58 Gung ho  
59 Inn  
60 Roll call response  
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62 Pop singer  
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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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## Friday's Puzzle Solved

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2 Dishonest person

- 3 Illegible  
4 Alien or Ott  
5 Widespread food shortage  
6 Uneven  
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12 Unpleasantly moist  
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21 Capital city in Europe  
24 Boys  
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29 Mom's new husband  
30 Bridal path  
32 Rip  
33 Cereal grain  
35 Wharf  
37 Genealogist's drawing

- 38 Nuts  
40 Piece of china  
41 Ponder  
43 Disagreeing  
44 Exclusively  
46 Celestial body with a tail  
47 Hose problem  
48 Sheltered inlet  
49 Delete  
50 Slices  
52 Cameron or Douglas  
53 Wallet items  
55 Prof.'s degree, often  
56 Baseball's Gehrig  
57 Letter from Greece





This May 15, 2018 file photo, shows Steamboat Geyser emitting a small jet of steam in Yellowstone National Park.

Associated Press

## Yellowstone thermal spring erupts for 4th time in 60 years

By MATT VOLZ

Associated Press

**BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP)** — A thermal spring near Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park has erupted for the fourth time in the last 60 years, a park official said Thursday.

Ear Spring on Yellowstone's Geyser Hill went from being dormant on Saturday to spewing steam and water between 20 and 30 feet (6 and 9 meters) high, a height not recorded since 1957, said park spokesman Neal Herbert. It has since continued to erupt at a near-constant height of about 2 feet (0.6 meters), he said.

Ear Spring, named for its resemblance to the shape of a human ear, is one of dozens of geysers, pools and hot springs in Yellowstone's Upper Geyser Basin — among the park's top attractions that feature the popular Old Faithful. It last erupted in 2004.

The eruption is among the new thermal activity seen over the last several days on Geyser Hill, just across the Firehole River from Old Faithful.

The activity includes new erupting vents and surface fractures, and it has led park officials to close a boardwalk in the popular Upper Geyser Basin to prevent people from being injured by scalding water splashing on the popular boardwalk trail.

Yellowstone's thermal basins sometimes undergo significant changes in short

amounts of time, but the new eruptions are not a sign of impending volcanic activity, Herbert said.

The changes are continuing and could lead to new or different closures in the basin, he said.

"It's still in flux," Herbert said. "There is still water flowing in new places and some of the springs that had been dormant have been erupting nearly constantly." Ear Spring isn't the first dormant geyser to come to life this year. In March, the world's largest active geyser began the first in a series of eruptions for the first time since 2014.

Steamboat geyser's eruptions can reach heights of 300 to 400 feet (91 meters to 122 meters), compared to Old Faithful's 130-foot (40-meter) average. □

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# Canadian crabs with bad attitude threaten coastal ecosystem

By DAVID SHARP  
Associated Press  
BIDDEFORD, Maine (AP)

— Canadians are known as friendly folks, but these crabby brutes migrating from Canadian waters are better suited for the hockey rink.

Green crabs from Nova Scotia are the same species as their cousins that already inhabit Maine waters, but are ornerier and angrier, threatening to accelerate harm to the coastal ecosystem by gobbling up soft-shell clams and destroying native eel grass, a researcher said.

The docile green crabs shrink from a threat, while the newcomers are more apt to wave their pincers and charge.

"What we're seeing is this insane level of aggressiveness," said Markus Frederich, a professor at the University of New England. They're each genetically distinct.

The new crab variant that originated in northern Europe is hardier and adapted to colder water than the more docile crab, which originally came from southern Europe.



This June 6, 2018, file photo shows a green crab in Portland, Maine. A University of New England researcher said green crabs migrating from Nova Scotia are ornerier and angrier than their Gulf of Maine cousins.

Green crabs, even the docile ones, are considered a scourge that can devour soft-shell and juvenile clams.

They can destroy eelgrass that provides a hiding place for juvenile sea creatures.

But the Canadian crabs take it to a new level.

Louis Logan, a University of New England graduate student, had the unpleasant task of labeling the crabs captured from Nova Scotia waters for the research.

The crabs were in no mood for games. At a distance of 5 feet, the pint-sized brutes, which measure 4 to 5 inches across, assumed a fighting posture. Those that grabbed him were in no hurry to let go.

"Any time I went down to grab one they went to grab me instead," he wrote in an email.

One of them, in particular, would jump out of the water in its frenzy to attack. In the lab, researchers unleashed both types of

crabs on a bed of eel grass in a saltwater pool, and the difference was stark.

The Canadian invaders shredded the eel grass like Edward Scissorhands in their efforts to scarf down marine organisms seeking refuge, Frederich said.

The first round of study focused on 200 crabs from Canada, and will be published in coming months.

Further studies will focus on whether a specific gene plays a role in the aggressiveness or if a factor called

hybrid vigor is in play, he said. The hybrid vigor theory suggests that crabs could be more aggressive as they establish themselves, but will mellow out later.

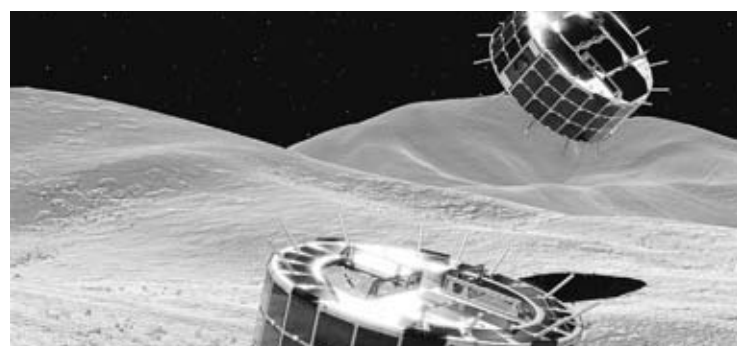
The quarrelsome newcomers currently comprise only about 2 to 3 percent of green crabs crawling on the ocean floor off Maine, but those numbers are certain to grow, Frederich said. "It will be an entirely different ball game," he predicted.

"It's just a question of when more of the crabs come and out-compete the Maine green crabs."

The docile green crabs have been around for more than a century in New England waters, but they've emerged as a major problem as the Gulf of Maine has warmed.

The feistier crabs arrived off Nova Scotia in the 1980s, and currents brought their larvae southward into New England waters.

Eventually, the newcomers will move farther southward. "We can't do anything about it," he said. "The only thing that we can do is learn how to live with it." □



This computer graphic image provided by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) shows two drum-shaped and solar-powered Minerva-II-1 rovers on an asteroid. Japanese unmanned spacecraft Hayabusa2 released two small Minerva-II-1 rovers on the asteroid Ryugu on Friday, Sept. 21, 2018, in a research effort that may provide clues to the origin of the solar system. JAXA said confirmation of the rovers' touchdown has to wait until it receives data from them on Saturday.

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## Japan space rovers lowered to asteroid to collect data

By MARI YAMAGUCHI  
Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — A Japanese spacecraft released two small rovers on an asteroid on Friday in a mission that could provide clues to the origin of the solar system.

The Japan Space Exploration Agency said the two Minerva-II-1 rovers were lowered from the unmanned spacecraft Hayabusa2 to the asteroid Ryugu. The spacecraft arrived near the asteroid, about 280 million kilometers (170 million miles) from Earth, in June.

JAXA said confirmation of the robots' safe touchdown has to wait until it receives data from them on Saturday.

Hayabusa2 approached

as close as 55 meters (180 feet) to the asteroid to lower the rovers, waited for a minute and then rose back to its waiting position about 20 kilometers (12 miles) above the surface. JAXA said the release went successfully.

"We are very hopeful," project manager Yuichi Tsuda said. "I'm excited about seeing the pictures. I want to see the scenery of space seen from Ryugu's surface."

The two rovers, each about the size of a cookie can, are to capture images of the asteroid and measure surface temperatures before a larger rover and a lander are released later. The rovers move by "hopping" up to 15 meters (50

feet) at a time because the extremely weak gravity on the asteroid makes rolling difficult. They can continue jumping as long as their solar panels and power last, JAXA said.

Friday's release bolstered the project members' confidence ahead of more difficult maneuvers in the future, Tsuda said.

Hayabusa2 is scheduled to attempt three brief touch-and-go landings on the asteroid to collect samples in hopes of providing clues to the origin of the solar system and life on Earth. Since it arrived at Ryugu, scientists have been looking for suitable landing sites on the uneven surface, and its first attempt is expected in October. □

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# Quincy Jones at 85: 'I'm too old to be full of it'

This Sept. 7, 2018 photo

By JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

**TORONTO (AP)** — Quincy Jones holds out his hands.

Like Jones, an easy raconteur, they tell stories. There's a small scar from when he, as a youngster in 1930s Chicago, accidentally wandered into a gang's territory. "They nailed my hand to a fence with a switchblade, man," he says. Jones points to a ring on his right pinkie left to him by Frank Sinatra, bearing the singer's family crest. It has stayed lodged on his finger for years just at it did on Sinatra's.

"The friendship was so strong. You can't describe it. We loved to party together, make music together," says Jones, smiling. "I'd tell (drummer) Sonny Payne: 'Let's get the back beat a little stronger,' because Frank was only lifting his feet about a foot," says Jones, stomping his foot to a beat. "Let's get a foot and a half." For six decades Jones

has been the foot-stomping back beat to a staggering breadth of American music. His hands have been over everything. From Ella Fitzgerald to Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles to Michael Jackson, "Roots" to "In the Heat of the Night," Jones — a trumpeter, pianist, composer, arranger, producer — is the great chameleon of 20th century music. He has recorded 2,900 songs, 300 albums and 51 film and TV scores. He has been 79 times nominated for a Grammy, winning 27. And he has produced seven kids, one of whom — Rashida Jones — has chronicled him in the new documentary, "Quincy."

"When I look at it now, I'm overwhelmed," Jones said in an interview shortly before "Quincy" premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival. "To have your life jump back at you on the screen — woo!"

"Quincy," which will debut on Netflix and in select theaters Friday, is an intimate portrait of a hard-to-summarize legend. He's now 85 and has been through a few health scares. But after



shows music producer Quincy Jones, the subject of the Netflix documentary film "Quincy," posing for a portrait at the Shangri-La Hotel during the Toronto Film Festival in Toronto.

giving up drinking two and a half years ago, he says, "I feel like I'm 19."

And he has lost little of his curiosity or verve. Jones made headlines last winter for a pair of candid interviews in which he discussed, among other things, what he considered the Beatles' weak musicianship and dating Ivanka Trump. He later apologized but didn't take back any of his tales. "I'm too old to be full of it," Jones chuckles.

And while Jones was in a more relaxed mood in Toronto, he was happy to contradict reports of the Eagles' "Their Greatest Hits 1971-1975" passing Jackson's "Thriller" (which Jones produced) as the all-time best-selling album. "We had 150 million, man," he says, alluding to worldwide sales. "That's bull----."

Jones, who in 2017 won a suit against the Jackson estate over unpaid royalties, also continued his critique of the pop star's penchant for lifting songs or not accurately crediting collaborators. "It's in the music. 'Smooth Criminal,' that says it," says Jones.

"Michael was one patient and humble human being when it came to learning," he adds. "His idols were James Brown, Sammy Davis, Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly. I saw him copying their things." And while he applauds contemporary acts like Chance the Rapper and Kendrick Lamar, he believes there are fewer great songs today. A master of songcraft, Jones sees the art form diminishing. "What I'm missing the most is the songs," says Jones. "There are beats and rhymes and hooks but that's not a song, I'm sorry."

But to give the impression that Jones has grown quarrelsome in his old age would do a great injustice to his playful inquisitiveness or his undiminished work ethic. "Quincy," which spans Jones' mammoth life, captures the still-very-active Jones producing a Kennedy Center show for the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History.

Jones is both tireless and tirelessly upbeat. And his conversation zig-zags as much as his career has,

leaping from the experience of being in the control room for Miles Davis' "Kind of Blue" sessions to his celestial twin, Michael Caine (they were born on the same day in 1933), to when record executives dubbed him "too jazzy" to produce Marvin Gaye.

"He is like a giant beating heart. That's what makes him a great dad and that's what makes him a great musician," says Rashida, the actress-filmmaker who co-directed "Quincy" with Alan Hicks. "He's got pain like all of us. His stuff with his mom is really deep. It's still fresh and it still hurts him. But he made a decision. He wakes up every day and he has mantras that he says to stay positive." Jones calls them affirmations.

"I've always done that. I guess that's in place of a mother. I lost my mother when I was seven. They took her away in a strait-jacket. That did not make our lives very nice," he says. "My brother could not deal with it. He died in 1998, my younger brother. It was serious, man."

Jones' mother's break-

down (she was institutionalized for schizophrenia) remains perhaps the most pivotal moment in his life. It's impossible not to return to that incident and his hardscrabble childhood in Chicago when trying to answer where all the music came from in Jones. Such beginnings would have made others more cynical. "You can't afford to get angry, man," says Jones. "Remember Mark Twain's words: Anger is an acid which does more harm to the vessel in which it's stored than anything on which it's poured. I said that to myself when Donald Trump won. Are you happy with our president? We'll live through it. We'll learn." Another foundational moment from his youth in when Jones, at 14, was a passenger in a fatal car accident. He never learned to drive. "I took a driving lesson. My teacher — he was from Yugoslavia — said, 'Man, I'm giving you your money back. We don't need another maniac on the road,'" recalls Jones. "I was trying to stop on the downbeats at the stop lights." □

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# 'Assassination Nation' wants to get under your skin

By LINDSEY BAHR  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Assassination Nation" is trying to make you uncomfortable. The film even starts out with about a dozen "trigger warnings" previewing the horror that is to come in this internet age Salem witch trial about four teenage girls who become the enemies of an entire town when a hacker starts leaking individuals' information. Morality, sexuality, female nudity, homophobia, misogyny, pornography, pedophilia, mob mentality and gun violence are just a few of the subjects and taboos addressed in writer-director Sam Levinson's purposefully insane film. According to Levinson, it is simply about, "All the anxieties and pressures and fears of growing up in the digital age."

Out Friday, it's the kind of film that could become an instant cult hit, or the subject of outrage, but it's one audiences will want to discuss after. It's as provocative as it is di-



In this July 19, 2018 file photo, Suki Waterhouse, left, and Hari Nef pose for a portrait to promote the film "Assassination Nation" at Comic-Con International in San Diego.

visive, but those who are on board are really and fully on board. Levinson said its unabashed outlandishness helped sell it to financiers, even with its disquieting images and little-known cast. "It's a terrifying script. Truly terrifying," said Odessa

Young, the 20-year-old Australian actress who plays the lead character Lily. "You're meant to look at this as a mirror and examine yourself and examine the world that you live in." Suki Waterhouse, 26, who plays one of the girls,

Sarah, said some of her agents even cautioned her against doing the film. That made her want to do it even more.

"I don't expect everyone to like this movie," Waterhouse said.

"I think some people are

going to think it's exploitative or disturbing. But I love the juxtapositions of what people feel about it." But the film has not been without its own controversies.

Hari Nef, a 25-year-old American actress who plays the transgender character Bex, said that she thinks people are carrying prejudice toward the film because of the director.

If there is a "type" of person who would conjure up a film like "Assassination Nation," Levinson, who's the son of "Diner" writer-director Barry Levinson, and also white, straight and male, probably wouldn't be anyone's first guess.

"I think that some people walk into it wanting to find all of the reasons why this person shouldn't have made it," said Nef.

"I do think that Sam is an exception. I'm fascinated by the white, straight, male critics who are like, 'this is exploitative and within the male gaze'...But if you talk to (the cast), we'll tell a different story." □

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# 'Trust Me' is stellar thriller by Hank Phillippi Ryan

By JEFF AYERS  
Associated Press

"Trust Me" (Forge Books), by Hank Phillippi Ryan

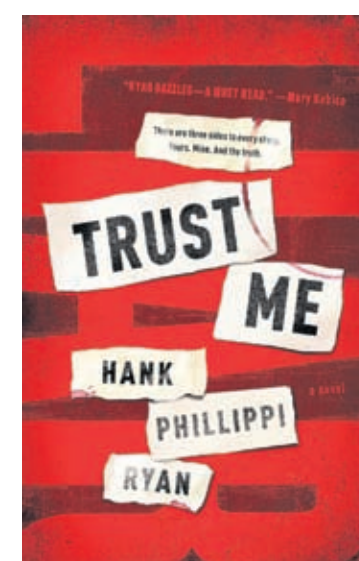
A former journalist has a chance at redemption and recovery of her shattered life when she receives an offer to write about a heinous trial in Hank Phillippi Ryan's stellar thriller, "Trust Me."

Mercer Hennessey was a well-respected news writer but she gave it up to be with her family. She was a loving wife and devoted mother, but an accident changed everything and now she's a widow. She knows she needs to pick herself up but doesn't dare take that first step back to the real world.

When her former boss offers her the chance to write a tell-all book about a signifi-

cant trial, Mercer can't refuse. A television feed from the courtroom to her living room will allow her to stay private while also rediscovering the joy of writing.

The issue Mercer has to grapple with is the case itself. Ashlyn Bryant is accused of murdering her young daughter. Her alibi shifts constantly, and she seems to have excuses for every piece of evidence provided by prosecutors. Mercer quickly sees the case as a chance to move past the death of her husband and daughter, and she will do this by seeing justice done in the trial against Bryant. As Mercer digs deeper and begins to chronicle the proceedings, she begins to find holes that might change what she thought was an inevi-



This cover image released by Forge shows "Trust Me," a novel by Hank Phillippi Ryan.

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table outcome. Can Mercer overcome her pain of loss to uncover the truth? Can she trust herself to find those journalistic skills again? □

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## 'Silly old bear': New exhibition celebrates Winnie-the-Pooh

By TRACEE M. HERBAUGH

Associated Press

**BOSTON (AP)** — When people care too much, Winnie-the-Pooh argues it's just love.

That bit of time-tested wisdom is as relevant today as it was nearly a century ago, when the beloved teddy bear and main character in A.A. Milne's children's books series first appeared in print.

Now Pooh and pal Christopher Robin are starring in "Winnie-the-Pooh: Exploring a Classic," a new exhibition opening Saturday at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. "The exhibit addresses the fact that Winnie-the-Pooh is a global phenomenon, beloved by many if not by all," said Meghan Melvin, who curated the show. "Surprisingly, many people are not that familiar with the origin of the story." While the original Winnie-the-Pooh books were published nearly a century ago, the narrative of the befuddled bear and his adventures with Piglet, Tigger, Eeyore and Rabbit remains popular with families and young children. This year, Disney released the



In this Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018 photo, a gallery stylist hangs a dress, fashioned with polka dots and Winnie the Pooh characters, while preparing a display at the "Winnie-the-Pooh: Exploring a Classic" exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

movie "Christopher Robin," in which Ewan McGregor, who plays a family man living in London, receives a surprise visit from his childhood teddy bear.

"At their core, these books are about friendship and adventure, and those things never get old," said Lindsay Shaw, children's li-

brarian at the Providence Athenaeum, a private library in the Rhode Island capital. "Even at a time when children are bombarded by screens, they can relate to these basic ideas." In curating the show, Melvin's goal was to reconnect visitors with an iconic story and introduce

the books' endearing characters to a wider audience. "These are classics worthy of revisiting," Melvin said. The MFA show is not connected with the movie, but it's a "nice coincidence," she added.

The exhibition is divided into five themes examining how Milne and illustra-

tor E.H. Shepard dreamed up Winnie-the-Pooh and brought him to life, eventually making Pooh and his honey pot a global sensation. It's composed of nearly 200 original drawings, letters, photographs and early editions on loan from London's Victoria and Albert Museum and other lenders. The first of the four books, "When We Were Very Young," was published in November 1924; the last, "House at Pooh Corner," came out in October 1928.

Since then, Pooh has turned out to be more than a silly old bear. The books have been translated into 50 languages and millions of copies have been sold worldwide. In 1960, the story was translated into Latin and landed on The New York Times best-seller list.

Generations of parents felt a connection to the familiar narratives and illustrations of Winnie-the-Pooh as children, and they've been passing it on to their own kids, explained Lisa Kennedy, an assistant professor of illustration at Massachusetts College of Art and Design. □

## The LA Film Festival gets a fresh fall start

By LINDSEY BAHR

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The LA Film Festival may be in its 24th year, but the local independent film showcase is stepping up with a new fall date, starry premieres featuring the likes of Tiffany Haddish and Henry Cavill and a re-energized commitment to spotlighting documentaries and diverse filmmakers.

The festival kicks off Thursday with the world premiere of "Echo in the Canyon," a Jakob Dylan-produced music documentary about the Laurel Canyon music scene of The Beach Boys, Buffalo Springfield and the Mamas and the Papas and

how it continues affecting musicians today. The event, which will be held at the thematically appropriate Ford Theatres in Hollywood will end with a live performance under the stars. It closes September 28 with the premiere of "Nomis," an independently-financed police thriller about an online predator from first-time director David Raymond. It features a notable cast including Cavill, Alexandra Daddario, Nathan Fillion and Stanley Tucci.

"It's a role I know no one has seen Henry do. He's brilliant in it," Raymond said. The bookends of "Echo in the Canyon" and "Nomis" encapsulate what



This image released by Roadside Attractions shows Tiffany Haddish, left, and Ike Barinholtz in a scene from the comedy "The Oath," which will be a part of the Los Angeles Film Festival, running from Sept. 20-28.

the "new" LA Film Festival represents, festival director Jennifer Cochis said.

"We're trying to support films and filmmakers who might not be amplified elsewhere and at the same time provide audiences with unique filmgo-

ing experiences," Cochis said. "Opening in the canyon with a musical performance after? That's something I won't be able to replicate."

Cochis, who is in her first full year as the head of the festival, has been behind

many of the changes, including pushing the often-overlooked festival from its longtime spot in the summer back to September. It now follows some of the year's biggest festivals like the Toronto International Film Festival and Telluride. □



# Bye bye bugs? Scientists fear non-pest insects are declining

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**

**Associated Press**

**OXFORD, Pa. (AP)** — A staple of summer — swarms of bugs — seems to be a thing of the past. And that's got scientists worried.

Pesky mosquitoes, disease-carrying ticks, crop-munching aphids and cockroaches are doing just fine. But the more beneficial flying insects of summer — native bees, moths, butterflies, ladybugs, lovebugs, mayflies and fireflies — appear to be less abundant.

Scientists think something is amiss, but they can't be certain: In the past, they didn't systematically count the population of flying insects, so they can't make a proper comparison to today. Nevertheless, they're pretty sure across the globe there are fewer insects that are crucial to as much as 80 percent of what we eat. Yes, some insects are pests. But they also pollinate plants, are a key link in the food chain and help decompose life.

"You have total ecosystem collapse if you lose your insects. How much worse can it get than that?" said University of Delaware entomologist Doug Tallamy. If they disappeared, "the world would start to rot." He noted Harvard biologist E.O. Wilson once called bugs: "The little things that run the world."

The 89-year-old Wilson recalled that he once frolicked in a "Washington alive with insects, especially butterflies." Now, "the flying insects are virtually gone."

It hit home last year when he drove from suburban Boston to Vermont and decided to count how many bugs hit his windshield. The result: A single moth.

## WINDSHIELD TEST

The un-scientific experiment is called the windshield test. Wilson recommends everyday people do it themselves to see. Baby Boomers will probably notice the difference, Tallamy said.

Several scientists have conducted their own tests with windshields, car grilles and



In this May 26, 2010 file photo, a Coccinellidae, more commonly known as a ladybug or ladybird beetle, rests on the petals of a rose in Portland, Ore.

headlights, and most notice few squashed bugs. Researchers are quick to point out that such exercises aren't good scientific experiments, since they don't include control groups or make comparisons with past results. (Today's cars also are more aerodynamic, so bugs are more likely to slip past them and live to buzz about it.)

Still, there are signs of decline. Research has shown dwindling individual species in specific places, including lightning bugs, moths and bumblebees. One study estimated a 14 percent decline in ladybugs in the United States and Canada from 1987 to 2006. University of Florida urban entomologist Philip Koehler said he's seen a recent decrease in lovebugs — insects that fly connected and coated Florida's windshields in the 1970s and 1980s. This year, he said, "was kind of disappointing, I thought."

University of Nevada, Reno, researcher Lee Dyer and his colleagues have been looking at insects at the La Selva Biological Station in Costa Rica since 1991. There's a big insect trap sheet under black light that decades ago would be covered with bugs. Now, "there's no insects on that sheet," he said.

But there's not much research looking at all flying insects in big areas.

## THE EVIDENCE

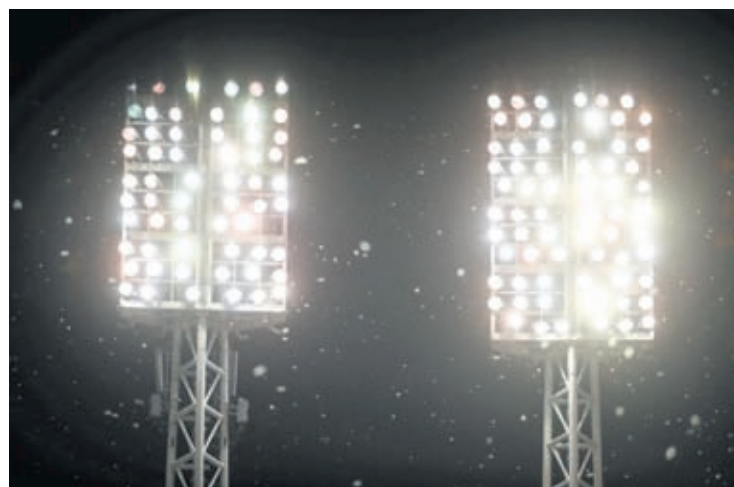
Last year, a study that found an 82 percent mid-summer decline in the number and weight of bugs captured in traps in 63 nature preserves in Germany compared with 27 years earlier. It was one of the few, if only, broad studies. Scientists say similar comparisons can't be done elsewhere because similar bug counts weren't done decades ago.

"We don't know how much we're losing if we don't know how much we have," said University of Hawaii entomologist Helen Spafford. The lack of older data makes it "unclear to what degree we're experiencing an arthropocalypse," said University of Illinois entomol-

ogist May Berenbaum. Individual studies aren't convincing in themselves, "but the sheer accumulated weight of evidence seems to be shifting" to show a problem, she said.

After the German study, countries started asking if they have similar problems, said ecologist Toke Thomas Høye of Aarhus University in Denmark. He studied flies in a few spots in remote Greenland and noticed an 80 percent drop in numbers since 1996.

"It's clearly not a German thing," said University of Connecticut entomologist David Wagner, who has chronicled declines in moth populations in the northeastern United States. "We just need to find out how widespread the phenomenon is."



In this June 27, 2017 file photo, mayflies swarm around the bright lights of a ballpark during a baseball game in Cincinnati.

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## THE SUSPECTS

Most scientists say lots of factors, not just one, caused the apparent decline in flying insects.

Suspects include habitat loss, insecticide use, the killing of native weeds, single-crop agriculture, invasive species, light pollution, highway traffic and climate change.

"It's death by a thousand cuts, and that's really bad news," Wagner said.

To Tallamy, two causes stand out: Humans' war on weeds and vast farmland planted with the same few crops.

Weeds and native plants are what bugs eat and where they live, Tallamy said. Milkweeds, crucial to the beautiful monarch butterfly, are dwindling fast. Manicured lawns in the United States are so prevalent that, added together, they are as big as New England, he said.

Those landscapes are "essentially dead zones," he said.

Light pollution is another big problem for species such as moths and fireflies, bug experts said. Insects are attracted to brightness, where they become easy prey and expend energy they should be using to get food, Tallamy said.

Jesse Barber of Boise State is in the middle of a study of fireflies and other insects at Grand Teton National Park. He said he notices a distinct connection between light pollution and dwindling populations.

"We're hitting insects during the day, we're hitting them at night," Tallamy said. "We're hitting them just about everywhere."

Lawns, light pollution and bug-massacring highway traffic are associated where people congregate. But Danish scientist Høye found a noticeable drop in muscid flies in Greenland 300 miles (500 kilometers) from civilization. His studies linked declines to warmer temperatures.

Other scientists say human-caused climate change may play a role, albeit small. □